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Renewal Communities

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INTRODUCTION

The Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community (EZ/EC) Initiative was created in 1994 as a Federally funded, interagency effort to revitalize distressed and underserved urban and rural areas. The Initiative has taken a successful collaborative approach to community revitalization; it recognizes that the problems distressed areas face are often interrelated and that local communities know best how to tackle those problems. The foundations for this kind of collective action are community-based partnerships, which bring together residents, the public sector, community organizations, and local businesses. Strategic Plans developed by each EZ/EC community concentrate on this unified approach to making neighborhoods more viable places to live, work, and raise families.

There are 147 designated EZ/ECs in urban and rural areas. In December 2000, Congress passed legislation to designate 9 new EZs and 40 new Renewal Communities (RCs). These 49 new areas will be designated by December 31, 2001. Round I and Round II EZ/ECs receive performance-oriented, flexible Federal grant funding to help communities implement their Strategic Plans and empower residents to participate in the process. Businesses located in EZ/ECs receive tax benefits to spur private investment and create jobs. RCs will receive tax benefits beginning January 2002.

This *Federal Programs Guide* provides a list of Federal resources available to individuals, cities, states, businesses, and nonprofits to bring opportunity to distressed communities, which include EZs, ECs, and RCs. The *Guide* includes descriptions of Federal programs and technical assistance designed to:

- Create jobs and economic opportunities.
- Promote small business creation and development.
- Provide increased access to credit and capital.
- Provide tax incentives to businesses that employ former welfare recipients.
- Provide tax incentives to businesses to clean up and redevelop former industrial properties.
- Provide opportunities for out-of-school youth.

- Provide support for children and families.
- Increase access to affordable housing and homeownership opportunities.
- Improve access to the Internet and educational opportunities.
- Enhance crime prevention strategies.

Many participating Federal agencies have taken steps to simplify access to programs that can be valuable to you as you work to revitalize your community. For example, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has implemented its SuperNOFA process. This is a new, streamlined way HUD notifies the public about its competitive grant programs. Communities now have a one-stop source of information for more than \$2 billion in available Federal funding.

We hope you find this *Guide* a useful tool as you work to revitalize your neighborhoods. More information on the EZ/EC Initiative is available at the following Web sites administered by HUD and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, respectively: www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/ezec and www.ezec.gov.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This *Federal Programs Guide* is your community's key to locating Federal programs that can help you accomplish your revitalization goals. The *Guide* is divided into four sections, each of which is described below.

1. Table of Contents

The Federal program descriptions are separated into 14 program categories: Access to Capital, Business Assistance, Community Building, Economic Development, Education, Environment, Health, Housing and Homelessness, Human Services and Family Support, Infrastructure, Public Safety and Crime Prevention, Technical Assistance, Welfare to Work, and Workforce Development.

2. Using the Matrix

Following the Introduction is a matrix of all the programs in this *Guide*. Use the matrix program list to help you find specific programs that will best support your goals. You may begin a search applicable to your community's needs by selecting a category along the top of the page. For instance, if you select the Environment category, read down the column to find programs related to the environment. Then follow the row of programs to the left of the chart, where you will see the name of the program that you have selected and the page number on which it appears. When you go to that page, you will find a Related Category(ies) list next to each program description. The list can help you search more extensively through the *Guide* to find additional programs that may benefit your community.

3. FY 2001 Legislation To Assist Distressed Communities

This section of the *Guide* highlights several initiatives, funded by Congress for FY 2001, that will assist distressed rural and urban communities. These Federal programs will provide support to communities in areas such as education, job training, and access to capital.

4. Appendices

The Appendices offer a list of Federal agency Web sites with up-to-date program announcements. They also include a list of State Data Centers that can provide census data and maps to help you plan your revitalization actions, a list of HUD and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) contacts, and a publication resource list.

Additional Listings

Additional information pertinent to development efforts within distressed communities, including rural and urban EZs, ECs, and RCs, is available through Web sites administered by USDA (www.ezec.gov) and HUD (www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/ezec).

We wish you the best in your efforts to coordinate programs specific to your community's needs, and we hope this *Guide* aids you in your planning.

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS:

TYPES OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

This *Federal Programs Guide* includes some terms that might not be clear to all readers. Some of the descriptions use terms familiar only to people who have experience working with Federal aid programs. Therefore, we have put together a short list of definitions to make the *Guide* as user friendly and as helpful as possible. Many of these definitions come directly from the introductory sections of the *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance*. This *Catalog* is available on the Internet at www.cfda.gov and, like the *Federal Programs Guide*, is a compendium of Federal programs, projects, services, and activities that provide assistance or benefits to the American public.

Block/Formula Grants: Payments made by a Federal Government agency to states, counties, cities, or towns according to a statute-based or regulation-based formula. The allocation formula typically is based on the state's or other recipient government's population. Some block/formula grant programs require the government receiving the grant to allow residents to be substantially involved in developing plans for using the grant funds.

Direct Loans: Loans from a Federal Government agency to a borrower for a specific period of time, with a reasonable expectation of repayment. Terms of the loan may or may not require the borrower to make interest payments.

Guaranteed/Insured Loans: Financial assistance from a Federal Government agency for which the agency indemnifies a private lender against the possibility that a borrower will not repay the loan.

Insurance: Financial assistance provided by a Federal Government agency to ensure reimbursement for any losses that may result from specified occurrences (such as a flood). Insurance coverage may be provided directly by a Federal Government agency or through a private insurance company.

Project Grants: Payments made by a Federal Government agency to another government such as a state, county, or city, or to a private or organization for a specific project or the delivery of a specific service or

product. Project grants include, but are not limited to, demonstration grants, planning grants, technical assistance grants, and construction grants.

Sale, Exchange, or Donation of Property and Goods: An arrangement in which a Federal Government agency provides for the sale, exchange, or donation of Federal property or other goods including land, buildings, equipment, food, and drugs.

Use of Property, Facilities, and Equipment: An arrangement in which a Federal Government agency provides for the loan of, use of, or access to Federal facilities or property by another organization. In these situations, the federally owned facilities or property do not remain in the possession of the other organization. Typically, the property remains under the control of the Federal agency.

Training: An arrangement in which a Federal Government agency provides instructional activities for the benefit of recipient organizations.

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Access to Capital

7(a) Guaranteed Loans

Program Description/Activities: This program provides guaranteed loans to small businesses that are unable to obtain financing in the private credit market, but can show an ability to repay the loans. Participating lenders provide loan funds and the U.S. Small Business Administration guarantees a portion of the loan. Guaranties can reach up to 80 percent on loans up to \$100,000, and up to 75 percent on loans of more than \$100,000. The maximum guaranty is \$750,000. Loan proceeds can be used for any legitimate business purpose such as construction, purchase of equipment, inventory, and working capital.

Related Categories:

Business Assistance, Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Loan Programs
U.S. Small Business Administration
Phone: 800-827-5722
Web site: www.sba.gov/financing

Assets for Independence Demonstration Program

Program Description/Activities: This 5-year demonstration program provides for the establishment of projects that allow low-income working families to establish Individual Development Accounts (IDAs). IDAs are dedicated savings accounts for which client earned income is matched by Federal and non-Federal funds and can be used by eligible participants to purchase a first home, pay for postsecondary education, or capitalize a business. The projects encourage participants to develop and/or reinforce habits of saving money and provide them with opportunities to acquire assets that support movement toward self-sufficiency.

Grant/Award Amount: \$20 million for FY 2001.

Related Categories:

Business Assistance, Community Building, Economic Development, Education, Equal Opportunity, Housing and Homelessness, Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Community Services
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Phone: 202-401-9341
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

Certified Development Company Loans (504 Loans)

Program Description/Activities: The 504 loans provide long-term financing at reasonable fixed rates for small businesses that need to acquire land and construct buildings or fund expansion, renovation, modernization of buildings, or machinery purchase and equipment. Loans may have either a 10- or 20-year term. A lender usually provides 50 percent of the total required amount, secured by a first mortgage, and up to 40 percent is provided by a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Certified Development Company. The borrower contributes at least 10 percent. SBA guarantees the Certified Development Company loan up to \$1 million.

Related Categories:

Business Assistance, Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Loan Programs
U.S. Small Business Administration
Phone: 202-205-6490
Web site: www.sba.gov/financing

Community Adjustment and Investment Program (CAIP); North American Development Bank—Domestic Window

Related Categories:

Business Assistance, Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Community Adjustment and Investment
Program

North American Development Bank

U.S. Department of the Treasury

Phone: 202-622-7073

Web site: www.nadbank-caip.org

Program Description/Activities: CAIP, a partnership between the U.S. Government and the North American Development Bank, helps create and sustain jobs in U.S. communities experiencing job dislocations attributable to changing trade patterns with Canada and Mexico related to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). CAIP provides financing to eligible communities, businesses, and workers by (1) making direct loans, (2) facilitating loan guarantees through agency programs with the U.S. Small Business Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and (3) providing project and technical assistance grants to nonprofit organizations. CAIP financing programs are available in eligible counties throughout the United States that experience job losses related to NAFTA. CAIP eligibility is based on a county's unemployment rate and the number of certified NAFTA-related job losses.

The CAIP Finance Committee, an interagency committee chaired by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, administers CAIP.

Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund

Related Categories:

Community Building, Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

U.S. Department of the Treasury

Phone: 202-622-8662

Web site: www.treas.gov/cdfi

Program Description/Activities: The CDFI fund expands the availability of credit, investment capital, and financial services in distressed urban, rural, and Native American communities. By stimulating the creation and expansion of diverse CDFIs and by providing incentives to traditional banks and thrifts through the Bank Enterprise Award Program, the Fund's investments work to build private markets, create healthy local economies, promote entrepreneurship, restore neighborhoods, generate local tax revenues, and empower residents.

Financing Your Business: Microloans

Related Category:

Business Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Small Business Answer Desk

U.S. Small Business Administration

Phone: 800-8ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722)

Web site: www.sba.gov/financing/micro.html

Program Description/Activities: This program increases the availability of very small loans to prospective small business borrowers. Under this program, the SBA makes funds available to nonprofit intermediaries, who in turn make loans to eligible borrowers in amounts up to \$25,000. The average loan size is \$10,500.

Historic Preservation Fund

Program Description/Activities: These matching grants are awarded to States, territories, Native American tribes, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation to encourage private and non-Federal investment in historic preservation efforts by providing grants. Funding most often is used to pay part of the costs of surveys and statewide historic preservation plans and to prepare *National Register of Historic Places* nominations, architectural plans, historic structures reports, and engineering studies. Fifty-nine fund awards are made to States and territories. Additional grants are awarded to Native American tribes each year. Activities funded include architectural, historical, and archeological surveys; nominations to the *National Register of Historic Places*; staff work for historic preservation commissions; design guidelines and preservation plans; public outreach materials such as publications, videos, exhibits, and brochures; training for commission members and staff; and rehabilitation or restoration of *National Register*-listed properties. States decide which projects receive grant assistance.

Grant/Award Amount: \$59.2 million for FY 2001.

Related Categories:

Community Building, Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Historic Preservation Fund
Heritage Preservation Services
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Phone: 202-343-9564
Web site: www2.cr.nps.gov

Mortgage Insurance for Hospitals

Program Description/Activities: The Federal Housing Administration, part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), provides mortgage insurance that makes affordable capital available to acute care hospitals. The insured loans are originated by private, HUD-approved lenders (sometimes in cooperation with State healthcare finance agencies). Loan proceeds may be used for construction, modernization, equipment, expansion, and refinancing. Both for-profit and nonprofit hospitals are eligible. The principal authorizing legislation is found at Section 242 of the National Housing Act. Project sponsors should contact HUD's Office of Insured Health Care Facilities for more information.

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Health

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Insured Health Care Facilities
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development
Phone: 202-708-0599
Web site: www.hud.gov

Small Business Investment Companies (SBIC) Program

Program Description/Activities: The SBIC program helps fill the gap between the availability of venture capital and the needs of small businesses in startup and growth situations. SBICs, licensed and regulated by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), are privately owned and managed investment firms that use their own capital, plus funds borrowed at favorable rates with an SBA guarantee, to make venture investments in small businesses. All SBICs are profit-motivated businesses. They provide equity capital, long-term loans, debt-equity investments, and management assistance to qualifying small businesses. Their incentive is the chance to share in the success of small businesses as they grow and prosper. Specialized SBICs, also known as 301(d) SBICs, invest in small businesses owned by entrepreneurs who are socially or economically disadvantaged (primarily members of minority groups).

Related Categories:

Business Assistance, Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Investment Division
U.S. Small Business Administration
Phone: 202-205-6510
Web site: www.sba.gov/inv

Business Assistance

Appalachian Regional Commission's Entrepreneurship Initiative

Related Categories:

Community Building, Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Appalachian Regional Commission

Phone: 202-884-7713

Web site: www.arc.gov

Program Description/Activities: This 3-year initiative supports the basic economic needs of the region through the funding of activities aimed at boosting the creation of homegrown businesses in Appalachia. Funding is targeted to programs and projects in five key areas critical to entrepreneurship: access to capital and financial assistance, technical and managerial assistance, technology transfer, entrepreneurship education and training, and entrepreneurial networks.

Business and Industrial Guaranteed and Direct Loans

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Phone: 202-720-0813

Web site: www.rurdev.usda.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Business and Industrial Guaranteed Loan program helps create jobs and stimulate rural economies by guaranteeing loans for rural businesses. This program guarantees up to 90 percent of a loan made by a commercial lender. Loan proceeds may be used for working capital, machinery and equipment, buildings and real estate, and certain types of debt financing. The guarantees expand the lending capacity of private lenders in rural areas, which allows them to make and service loans that help improve the economic climate of the community. Assistance under the guaranteed loan program is available to most legally organized entities, including cooperatives, corporations, partnerships, trusts, or other for-profit or nonprofit entities, Native American tribes or federally recognized tribal groups, municipalities, counties, or other political subdivisions of States.

The Business and Industrial Direct Loans program provides loans to public entities and private parties that cannot obtain credit from other sources. Loans are issued for improving, developing, or financing business and industry; creating jobs; and improving the economic or environmental climate in rural communities (including public abatement). Eligible applicants include any legally organized entity, including cooperatives, corporations, partnerships, trusts or other for-profit or nonprofit entities, Native American tribes or federally recognized tribal groups, municipalities, counties, any other political subdivisions of States, or individuals.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.556 billion for guaranteed loans and \$50 million for direct loans in FY 2001.

HUBZone Empowerment Contracting Program

Program Description/Activities: The HUBZone Empowerment Contracting Program is designed to stimulate economic development in selected urban and rural areas. (A HUBZone is a historically underutilized business zone.) The program provides contracting benefits to small businesses located in those areas. Small businesses have the opportunity to negotiate sole-source contracts and participate in restricted competition limited to HUBZone firms. Also, small companies located in HUBZone areas are allowed a 10-percent price evaluation preference in full and open contract competition.

Related Categories:

Community Building, Economic Development, Welfare to Work

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Government Contracting
U.S. Small Business Administration
Phone: 202-205-8885
Web site: www.sba.gov/hubzone

Industrial Assessment Center (IAC) Program

Program Description/Activities: This program sponsors no-cost energy audits for small and medium-size manufacturers. The audits are conducted by teams of engineering faculty and students from 70 universities throughout the United States that serve as industrial assessment centers. The teams evaluate energy use, waste, and productivity of eligible manufacturers within 150 miles of any IAC host campus.

Related Category:

Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Energy Efficiency and
Renewable Energy
Office of Industrial Technologies
U.S. Department of Energy
Phone: 202-586-1298
Web site: www.oit.doe.gov/iac

Intermediary Relending Program (IRP)

Program Description/Activities: IRP finances business facilities and community development projects in rural areas through loans made to intermediaries. Intermediaries in turn relend funds for business facilities or community development. Intermediaries establish revolving loan funds so collections from loans made to ultimate recipients in excess of necessary operating expenses and debt payments will be used for more loans. Intermediaries may be private nonprofit corporations, public agencies, Native American groups, or cooperatives.

All IRP loan funds received by an intermediary must be reloaned to ultimate recipients. Interest income and fees may be used for administrative costs, technical assistance to borrowers, or debt retirement. All collections from the operation of the IRP revolving loan fund not used for the above authorized expenses must be made available for relending to eligible ultimate recipients.

Grant/Award Amount: \$38.256 million for FY 2001.

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Rural Business-Cooperative Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-720-0813
Web site: www.rurdev.usda.gov

Mentor-Protégé (MP) Program

Related Category:

Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

DoD Mentor-Protégé Program

U.S. Department of Defense

Phone: 800-553-1858

Web site: www.acq.osd.mil/sadbu

Program Description/Activities: The MP Program provides incentives for major U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) prime contractors to mentor small, disadvantaged businesses and qualifying entities that employ severely disabled persons. Under this program, eligible protégés receive technical and business assistance designed to enable them to participate more successfully as prime contractors and subcontractors on DoD acquisitions.

Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Minority Business Development Agency

U.S. Department of Commerce

Phone: 202-482-5061

Web site: www.mbda.gov

Program Description/Activities: MBDA funds business development centers nationwide to assist with the startup, expansion, and development of minority-owned firms offering quality goods and services. Minority Business Development Centers, Native American Business Development Centers, and Business Resource Centers provide business and technical assistance for bonding, bidding, estimation, financing, procurement, international trade, franchising, and joint ventures to increase opportunities in domestic and international markets for minority entrepreneurs.

The MBDA-funded centers are operated by for-profit and nonprofit organizations, State and local government agencies, Native American tribes, and educational institutions. The centers provide individualized assistance in the areas of accounting, administration, business planning, construction, and marketing. Operations are administered by MBDA's Regional and District Offices, which oversee the centers' business assistance services to minority entrepreneurs in five multistate regions.

Grant/Award Amount: \$6.4 million for technical assistance and access to capital in FY 2001.

Office of Business Initiatives (BI)

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Education, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Business Initiatives

U.S. Small Business Administration

Phone: 202-205-6655

Web site: www.sba.gov/bi

Program Description/Activities: BI administers programs and activities designed to provide information, education, and training to prospective and existing small business owners. The office engages in cosponsorships with private-sector partners designed to provide small business owners with information, education, and training that is cost effective, of high quality, and reflective of trends in small business development.

The office administers the national Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) program and works with SCORE and other resource partners to maximize the number of clients provided counseling and training through the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The activities of these resource partners are integrated with other SBA program offices to ensure that any small business receiving services from any SBA resource partner also receives information about all of SBA's financial and business development products and services. BI develops and promotes the use of

innovative outreach efforts to small business owners, which may include Business Information Centers, written materials, software, and other means of providing business development, business management, and business growth information. The office—in partnership with other Federal agencies—offers special purpose education, training, and information on topics of interest to the small business community such as small business tax and retirement issues.

Office of Business Liaison

Program Description/Activities: The Office of Business Liaison serves as the primary point of contact between the U.S. Department of Commerce and the business community. Objectives of the office are to develop a proactive, responsive, and effective outreach program and relationship with the business community; inform the Secretary, the Department, and Administration officials of the critical issues facing the business community; inform the business community about resources, policies, and programs; and provide outreach to the business community including arranging regular meetings and briefings with Department officials.

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Business Liaison
U.S. Department of Commerce
Phone: 202-482-1360
Web site: www.osec.doc.gov/obl

Office of Government Contracting (GC)

Program Description/Activities: GC advocates, facilitates, and creates an environment for maximum participation by small disadvantaged and woman-owned small businesses and HUBZone businesses in contracts awarded by the U.S. Government and subcontracts awarded by its large prime contractors.

Related Category:

Equal Opportunity

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Government Contracting
U.S. Small Business Administration
Phone: 202-205-6460
Web site: www.sba.gov/gc/

Office of Minority Enterprise Development

Program Description/Activities: This program provides business development assistance to socially and economically disadvantaged businesspersons to ensure that they have opportunities to participate more fully and successfully in the mainstream national economy.

Related Category:

Equal Opportunity

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Minority Enterprise Development
U.S. Small Business Administration
Phone: 202-205-6412
Web site: www.sba.gov/gcmed/index.html

Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization's (OSDBU) Short Term Lending Program (STLP) and Bonding Assistance Program (BAP)

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Economic Development, Equal Opportunity, Infrastructure, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization
Office of the Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
Phone: 202-366-1930
Web site: osdbuweb.dot.gov

Program Description/Activities: Many disadvantaged and woman-owned business enterprises experience difficulty obtaining short-term working capital or obtaining bid, payment, and performance bonds for transportation-related projects. OSDBU STLP and BAP assist disadvantaged entrepreneurs and businesses in overcoming these problems. STLP provides revolving lines of credit to finance accounts receivable arising from transportation-related contracts. The maximum line of credit is \$500,000. BAP provides an 80-percent guarantee against losses on contracts up to \$1 million. Funding for the guarantees is provided by OSDBU and is operated through surety bond agents located in designated areas of the country. Applications for both programs can be obtained directly from the OSDBU Web site.

Grant/Award Amount: STLP: \$20 million for FY 2001. BAP: \$17 million guaranteed annually.

One Stop Capital Shops (OSCS) Program, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, U.S. Small Business Administration

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Community Building, Economic Development, Technical Assistance, Welfare to Work

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Entrepreneurial Development
U.S. Small Business Administration
Phone: 202-205-6706
Web site: www.sba.gov/onestop

Program Description/Activities: OSCSs are partnerships between the U.S. Small Business Administration and local communities designed to offer small business assistance at conveniently located, customer-friendly centers. Each OSCS has a state-of-the-art Business Information Center, which provides business development software and Internet access, offers one-on-one business counseling, and facilitates financing and Government contracts.

Procurement Technical Assistance (PTA) Cooperative Agreement Program

Related Category:

Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Defense Logistics Agency
Small Business Office (DDAS)
U.S. Department of Defense
Phone: 703-767-1660
Web site: www.dla.mil/db/

Program Description/Activities: The PTA program's mission is to help individuals and businesses learn about contracting and subcontracting with the U.S. Department of Defense, other Federal agencies, or State and local government entities. PTA counselors provide specialized and professional assistance with marketing and preparing proposals, and technical guidance by conducting educational seminars on procurement matters.

Rural Business Opportunity Grants (RBOGs)

Program Description/Activities: RBOG funds provide for technical assistance, training, and planning activities that improve economic conditions in rural areas. Applicants must be located outside cities of more than 10,000 persons. Nonprofit corporations and public bodies are eligible. The program is designed to promote sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs.

Grant/Award Amount: Allocation for FY 2001 is \$8 million.

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Economic Development, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Rural Business-Cooperative Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-720-0813
Web site: www.rurdev.usda.gov

Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)

Program Description/Activities: SCORE, a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration, is a nonprofit association dedicated to entrepreneur education and the formation, growth, and success of small businesses nationwide. More than 12,000 volunteer members provide individual counseling and business workshops for aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners. SCORE counseling is free and confidential.

Related Categories:

Education, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

SCORE
U.S. Small Business Administration
Phone: 800-634-0245
Web site: www.score.org

Small Business Development

Program Description/Activities: The U.S. General Services Administration's Office of Enterprise Development (OED) is the agency's advocate for the small business community. OED promotes and facilitates programs and activities that provide access to opportunity to small, minority, and women business owners involved in GSA contracting activities nationwide. OED nurtures entrepreneurial opportunities, opens doors to new business horizons, and enhances technological capabilities. These activities make it possible for the small business community to meet key contracting experts and be counseled on the procurement process. Activities include procurement networking sessions, marketing strategies and techniques workshops, electronic commerce/electronic data interchange training sessions, interagency networking sessions, trade missions, roundtables, workshops for historically black colleges and universities, and procurement conferences. Activities are supported through Small Business Centers in 11 regional offices across the Nation and Small Business Technical Advisors in the procuring activities of both the central and regional offices.

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Equal Opportunity, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

U.S. General Services Administration
Office of Enterprise Development
Phone: 202-501-1021
Web site: www.gsa.gov/oed

Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Programs

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Small Business Development
Centers

U.S. Small Business Administration

Phone: 202-205-6766

Web site: www.sbdc.org

Program Description/Activities: SBDC programs provide management assistance to current and prospective small business owners. SBDCs offer one-stop assistance to small businesses by providing a wide variety of information and guidance in central and easily accessible branch locations. SBA awards 58 cooperative agreements to institutions of higher education and State government institutions. The agreements, subject to 100-percent matching funds, are based on a population formula and range from \$500,000 to \$8.7 million.

Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Businesses

Related Categories:

Equal Opportunity, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Economic Impact and Diversity/
Office of Small and Disadvantaged
Business Utilization

U.S. Department of Energy

Phone: 202-586-8383

Web site: www.hr.doe.gov/ed

Program Description/Activities: This program provides small, minority, and women-owned businesses with management and technical assistance to overcome barriers. The U.S. Department of Energy helps business owners identify barriers to achieving contracting goals by developing innovative strategies to increase business opportunities.

Community Building

Accessing Federal Assistance

Program Description/Activities: Annually, the U.S. General Services Administration publishes the *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance*, a governmentwide compendium of information on programs, projects, services, and activities that assist communities. It contains listings of both financial and nonfinancial assistance programs administered by the Federal Government. The catalog provides communities with access to programs administered by various Federal departments and agencies in a single publication. The publication can be accessed online and is searchable by topic. Printed copies can be obtained by contacting the Government Printing Office.

Related Category:

Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

U.S. General Services Administration

Phone: 202-708-5126

Web site: www.cfda.gov

U.S. Government Printing Office

Phone: 202-512-1800

AmeriCorps*National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)

Program Description/Activities: AmeriCorps*NCCC is a 10-month, full-time residential service program for men and women ages 18 to 24. Members conduct projects in the areas of education, public safety, the environment, unmet needs, and disaster relief across the country. AmeriCorps*NCCC combines the best practices of civilian service with the best aspects of military service, including leadership and team building. Members live on one of five campuses in Aurora, Colorado; Charleston, South Carolina; Perry Point, Maryland; San Diego, California; and Washington, D.C.

Grant/Award Amount: \$21 million for FY 2001.

Related Categories:

Disaster Relief, Education, Environment, Human Services and Family Support, Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

AmeriCorps*NCCC

Corporation for National Service

Phone: 202-606-5000

Web site: www.nationalservice.org

AmeriCorps*State/National

Program Description/Activities: AmeriCorps, the domestic Peace Corps, engages more than 45,000 Americans in intensive, results-driven service each year through more than 700 programs. Most AmeriCorps members are selected by and serve with local and national organizations like the American Red Cross, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Clubs, and Habitat for Humanity. After their terms of service, AmeriCorps members receive education awards to help finance college or pay back student loans.

Grant/Award Amount: \$231 million for FY 2001 (total includes money appropriated for education award-only programs).

Related Categories:

Education, Environment, Public Safety and Crime Prevention, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Corporation for National Service

Phone: 202-606-5000

Web site: www.nationalservice.org

AmeriCorps*VISTA

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Business Assistance, Economic Development, Education, Environment, Health, Housing and Homelessness, Human Services and Family Support, Infrastructure, Public Safety and Crime Prevention, Technical Assistance, Welfare to Work, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Corporation for National Service
Phone: 202-606-5000
Web site: www.nationalservice.org

Program Description/Activities: AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) members have served economically challenged communities for 35 years. The program is dedicated to increasing the ability of people to improve the conditions of their own lives. Members of AmeriCorps*VISTA serve full time and live in the communities they serve, creating programs that can continue after they complete their service.

Center for Urban Development and Livability

Related Category:

Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Public Buildings Service
U.S. General Services Administration
Phone: 202-501-1881
Web site: goodneighbor.gsa.gov

Program Description/Activities: As the Nation's largest urban-oriented real estate organization, the U.S. General Service Administration (GSA) controls more than 300 million square feet of space in more than 1,600 cities, including 60 cities where the agency manages more than 1 million square feet of space. GSA established the Center for Urban Development and Livability to take advantage of opportunities to leverage Federal real estate actions in ways that aid community efforts to encourage smart growth, economic vitality, and cultural vibrancy. The center represents GSA's commitment to working with communities as a partner in the revitalization of their downtown areas. The center oversees the implementation of Executive Orders 12072 and 13006, which require Federal agencies to locate in downtown areas, particularly in central business and historic districts. By linking Federal buildings, services, and employees to communities through the creation of public plazas, civic squares, and transportation centers, the agency uses its Federal assets to spur local development and revive urban centers. The center provides technical assistance to community groups, downtown businesses, and property owners, and local leadership on federally related projects to foster livable communities and enhance the vitality of urban areas.

Good Neighbor Program

Related Categories:

Infrastructure, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Public Buildings Service
U.S. General Services Administration
Phone: 202-501-1881
Web site: goodneighbor.gsa.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Good Neighbor Program is part of the U.S. General Services Administration's (GSA's) overall commitment to ensuring quality work environments for Federal employees while helping revitalize the Nation's communities. This program, administered by GSA's Center for Urban Development and Livability, represents the agency's approach to using its Federal facilities in ways to encourage activities to reach into local neighborhoods and invite people into Federal buildings. The agency promotes use of its civic plazas, ground floor retail, and public lobbies, and participates in community revitalization efforts through integrated planning and involvement in local development initiatives. Through this program GSA is building partnerships to support healthy, safe, and vibrant communities.

HUD SuperNOFA

Program Description/Activities: The Super Notification of Funds Availability (SuperNOFA) announces the availability of HUD competitive grant program funds covering a broad range of programs that help build affordable housing, boost employment, revitalize distressed public housing, fund fair housing enforcement, and provide assistance to homeless people. Through the SuperNOFA approach, HUD makes it possible for applicants to be better able to design comprehensive, coordinated strategies that effectively address the complex problems facing their communities. Grant applicants can obtain information on grant programs, copies of program regulations, and other information that will help them prepare and submit their funding requests from a single source; either the SuperNOFA Information Center or online at www.hud.gov under Funds Available.

Grant/Award Amount: More than \$2.75 billion for FY 2001.

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Housing and Homelessness

Program/Agency Contact:

HUD SuperNOFA Information Center
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Phone: 1-800-HUD-8929
Web site: www.hud.gov

National Senior Service Corps

Program Description/Activities: Through the National Senior Service Corps, nearly 500,000 Americans age 55 and older share their time and talents to help solve local problems. Many serve as Foster Grandparents who work one on one with young people with special needs, Senior Companions who help other seniors live independently in their homes, or volunteers with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program who meet a wide range of community needs.

Related Categories:

Human Services and Family Support, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Corporation for National Service
Phone: 202-606-5000
Web site: www.nationalservice.org

Planning With Communities Program

Program Description/Activities: As the primary manager of the Federal Government's real estate, the U.S. General Service Administration's (GSA's) business decisions have a significant impact on communities. Through location decisions and the development and disposal of property, GSA can either detract from or enhance community development efforts. Through its Planning With Communities Program, GSA is committed to strengthening its relationship with communities by collaborating with them on local and Federal development efforts. By creating a forum for open dialogue, building local partnerships, sharing information on development goals, and participating in collaborative planning efforts, GSA has established a framework for working with communities nationwide. This new approach to doing business with communities is administered through GSA's Center for Urban Development and Livability.

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Environment

Program/Agency Contact:

Public Buildings Service
U.S. General Services Administration
Phone: 202-501-1881
Web site: goodneighbor.gsa.gov

Substance Abuse Prevention Programs

Program Description/Activities: Substance abuse prevention grants to States, local governments, and other organizations support abuse prevention efforts focused on vulnerable populations and at-risk communities, and statewide approaches targeting youth.

Grant/Award Amount: \$136.8 million estimated for FY 2001.

Related Categories:

Human Services and Family Support, Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

Center for Substance Abuse Prevention
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Phone: 301-443-0365
Web site: www.samhsa.gov

Economic Development

Additional Section 179 Expensing

Related Category:

Business Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Internal Revenue Service
U.S. Department of Treasury
Phone: 800-829-1040
Web site: www.irs.ustreas.gov

Program Description/Activities: This incentive increases the tax deductions that a business located in an Empowerment Zone (EZ) can claim for qualified zone property in the tax year it is placed in service, under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code, up to certain maximum levels. Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code provides a tax deduction that any business can elect to claim for certain qualifying property in the tax year it is placed in service. However, these levels are increased for certain qualified zone property placed in service by an EZ business.

Grant/Award Amount: EZ businesses that place in service certain qualified zone property are permitted up to an extra \$35,000 per year in Section 179 deductions. Information about the increased deduction can be found in IRS Publication 954, *Tax Incentives for Empowerment Zones and Other Distressed Communities*.

American Heritage Rivers Initiative

Related Categories:

Environment, Infrastructure

Program/Agency Contact:

American Heritage Rivers Task Force
Council on Environmental Quality
Phone: 202-395-5750
Web site: www.epa.gov/rivers

Program Description/Activities: This program supports local community efforts to revitalize and maintain riverfront areas. Local communities can apply for assistance through their State and metropolitan planning organizations. Eligible projects include those that will improve the economic or environmental viability of riverfront neighborhoods and districts.

Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) Grants

Related Category:

Environment

Program/Agency Contact:

Financial Management Division
Office of Block Grant Assistance
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-1871
Web site: www.hud.gov/progdesc/brownf.cfm

Program Description/Activities: BEDI grants target Economic Development Initiative funds to brownfields projects. BEDI grants are made to local governments for use in supporting brownfield redevelopment activities and projects financed in whole or in part with Section 108 loan guarantees.

Grant/Award Amount: \$25 million for FY 2001.

Brownfields Tax Incentive

Program Description/Activities: The Brownfields Tax Incentive allows property owners to deduct certain environmental remediation costs as a business expense rather than capitalizing them as a property improvement. This provision benefits taxpayers by reducing their present tax liability. The incentive reduces the cost of environmental remediation, thereby prompting cleanups and the redevelopment of brownfields in distressed areas. Eligible areas must be approved by the State agency responsible for brownfields redevelopment.

Related Category:

Environment

Program/Agency Contact:

Income Tax and Accounting, Branch 5
Internal Revenue Service
U.S. Department of Treasury
Phone: 202-622-4950
Web site: www.irs.ustreas.gov

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Program Description/Activities: The CDBG program provides annual formula grants to entitled metropolitan cities (50,000 or more people) and urban counties (200,000 or more people) and to States for distribution to nonentitled communities to carry out a wide range of community development activities. Funded activities include construction of public facilities and improvements (streets, sidewalks, sewers, and water systems); public services for youth, seniors, or the disabled; crime reduction initiatives; homeless and housing services; and direct assistance and technical assistance to for-profit businesses, including microenterprises.

Grant/Award Amount: \$4.24 billion for FY 2001.

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Business Assistance, Community Building, Education, Environment, Health, Housing and Homelessness, Human Services and Family Support, Infrastructure, Public Safety and Crime Prevention, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Urban areas:
Phone: 202-708-1577
Rural areas:
Phone: 202-708-1322
Web site: www.hud.gov/progdesc/cdbgent.cfm

Community Economic Adjustment Planning Assistance

Program Description/Activities: The U.S. Department of Defense provides assistance for local governments, or a State on behalf of a local government, to undertake community economic adjustment planning activities to support the closure or realignment of a military installation and/or other defense-related economic impacts. Activities include, but are not limited to, staffing, operating, and administrative costs and general or specialized community economic adjustment studies.

Grant/Award Amount: Range of award is \$50,000 to \$500,000.

Related Category:

Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Economic Adjustment,
OUSD (Acquisitions)
U.S. Department of Defense
Phone: 703-604-6020
Web site: emissary.acq.osd.mil/oea/home.nsf

Community Outreach Partnership Centers (COPCs)

Related Categories:

Business Assistance, Community Building, Disaster Relief, Education, Environment, Health, Housing and Homelessness, Human Services and Family Support, Infrastructure, Public Safety and Crime Prevention, Welfare to Work, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Policy Development and Research
Office of University Partnerships
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-1537
Web site: www.oup.org

Program Description/Activities: COPC is a competitive grant program that provides funds to colleges and universities to form or expand centers for research, provide outreach activities, and exchange information focused on communities and neighborhoods.

Grant/Award Amount: \$8 million for FY 2001.

Corridors and Borders Programs

Related Category:

Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
Phone: 202-366-5010
Web site: www.fhwa.dot.gov

Program Description/Activities: In recognition of the importance of border infrastructure and corridors used for international trade, the National Corridor Planning and Development (NCPD) and Coordinated Border Infrastructure (CBI) programs (sections 1118 and 1119 of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century [TEA 21]) were established. The purpose of the NCPD program is to provide allocations to States and metropolitan planning organizations for coordinated planning, design, and construction of corridors of national significance, economic growth, and international and interregional trade. The purpose of the CBI program is to improve the safe movement of people and goods at or across the border between the United States and Canada and the border between the United States and Mexico. These two programs are funded from a single source.

Grant/Award Amount: The combined authorized funding is \$140 million each year from FY 1999 to FY 2003 (\$700 million total).

Economic Adjustment Program

Related Category:

Infrastructure

Program/Agency Contact:

Economic Adjustment Division
U.S. Department of Commerce
Phone: 202-482-2659
Web site: www.doc.gov/eda

Program Description/Activities: The Economic Adjustment Program helps States and local areas design and implement strategies for facilitating adjustment to changes in their economic situations that affect the underlying economic base. Such changes may occur suddenly (sudden and severe economic dislocation) or over time (long-term economic deterioration) and result from industrial or corporate restructuring, new Federal laws or requirements, reductions in defense expenditures, depletion of natural resources, or natural disasters. Strategy grants provide resources to organize and carry out a planning process tailored to the particular economic problems of the affected area(s). Implementation grants may be used to support activities identified in an adjustment strategy approved by the Economic Development Administration. Implementation activities include creation or expansion of strategically targeted business development and financing programs, including grants for revolving loan funds, infrastructure improvements, organizational development, and market or industry research and analysis.

Grant/Award Amount: \$22.3 million for FY 2001.

Economic Development Initiative (EDI)

Program Description/Activities: EDI provides grants to be used in tandem with Section 108 guaranteed loans for economic revitalization projects. These grants will enhance the viability of such projects (through interest rate subsidies and debt service/operating reserves) and increase the likelihood that the Section 108 loans can be repaid from project revenue.

Grant/Award Amount: \$10.7 million for FY 2001.

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Business Assistance, Disaster Relief, Education, Environment, Equal Opportunity, Health, Housing and Homelessness, Human Services and Family Support, Infrastructure, Public Safety and Crime Prevention, Welfare to Work, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Financial Management Division
Office of Block Grant Assistance
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-1871
Web site: www.hud.gov

Empowerment Zone (EZ) Employment Credit

Program Description/Activities: The EZ Employment Credit allows businesses located in an EZ or a Renewal Community to claim a tax credit for a portion of the wages of a qualified zone employee.

Grant/Award Amount: The credit calculation for wages paid or incurred before 2002, and for the years 2002-2004, is presented in IRS Form 8844. Other information regarding the employment credit and other tax credits is available in IRS Publication 954.

Program/Agency Contact:

Employee Benefits and Exempt Organizations
Internal Revenue Service
U.S. Department of Treasury
Phone: 202-622-6060
Web site: www.irs.ustreas.gov

Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities Program

Program Description/Activities: The Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities Program is designed to empower residents and businesses in distressed rural and urban areas to work together to create jobs and opportunities. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) manages the urban EZs, whereas the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) manages the rural effort. Under this program, EZs and ECs receive Federal grants and tax benefits. Beginning in 2002, Renewal Communities will receive tax benefits as part of this program. The key principles of the program are economic opportunity, sustainable community development, community-based partnerships, and a strategic vision for change. The EZ/EC office within HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development assists EZ/ECs in developing community development strategies to support employers and people looking for work. USDA's Office of Rural Development provides technical assistance to rural communities with professional support and development of information systems to support community development functions. Both urban and rural EZ/EC communities receive information on best practices, community development training, strategic guidance, community development publications, and funding opportunities.

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Business Assistance, Community Building, Disaster Relief, Education, Environment, Equal Opportunity, Health, Housing and Homelessness, Human Services and Family Support, Infrastructure, Public Safety and Crime Prevention, Technical Assistance, Welfare to Work, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development
Office of Community Planning and
Development
Phone: 202-708-6339
Web site: www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/ezec
Publication hotline: 800-998-9999
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-619-7981
Hotline: 800-645-4712
800-851-3403
Web site: www.ezec.gov

Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives

Related Category:

Community Building

Program/Agency Contact:

Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives
Heritage Preservation Services
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Phone: 202-343-9594
Web site: www.cr.nps.gov

Program Description/Activities: Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives are available for buildings listed in the *National Register of Historic Places* or located in certain historic districts that are substantially rehabilitated for income-producing purposes according to standards set by the Secretary of the Interior. Jointly managed by the National Park Service and the Internal Revenue Service, in partnership with State Historic Preservation Offices, the program rewards private investment by providing a 20-percent tax credit for rehabilitating historic buildings. The program has been responsible for more than 28,000 historic properties being rehabilitated through private investment of more than \$20 billion.

Indian Tribes and Tribal Corporation Loans

Program/Agency Contact:

Loan Making Division
Farm Service Agency
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-720-2953
Web site: www.fsa.usda.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides direct loans to Native American tribes and tribal corporations to purchase land within tribal reservations and Alaskan communities. Loans are available only to organizations with a reasonable prospect of repayment that have been unable to find other sources of credit.

Grant/Award Amount: \$2.1 million for FY 2001.

Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) Program

Related Categories:

Health, Infrastructure

Program/Agency Contact:

Partnership and Alliances
U.S. Department of Defense
Phone: 703-693-8618
Web site: raweb.osd.mil/initiative/irt.htm

Program Description/Activities: The IRT program provides valuable military training and helps address serious community needs within the United States and its territories and possessions. The program is a partnership effort between local communities and active and reserve National Guard units. Individuals and units involved are primarily combat support and combat service support (such as medical, dental, and engineering). All IRT projects are training options compatible with Mission Essential Task List training requirements. The IRT program provides military personnel with the opportunity to train in support of the communities where they live. Specific projects include providing medical and dental health services to underserved populations as well as road and house construction on reservations.

Grant Award/Amount: Approximately \$13 million for FY 2001.

International Trade Administration (ITA)

Program Description/Activities: ITA helps U.S. businesses compete in the global marketplace by assisting U.S. exporters, ensuring that U.S. businesses have access to foreign markets, and enabling U.S. businesses to compete against unfairly traded imports. ITA has four principal units. The Commercial Service offers business counseling, including market research, trade promotion, and programs to U.S. exporters. Through its Matchmaker Program, the Commercial Service helps small and medium-size companies establish business relationships in major markets abroad via trade missions and other programs. Trade Development provides information from industry-sector specialists to U.S. exporters, policymakers, and trade negotiators. Market Access and Compliance has country experts who provide market analysis to U.S. business and ensure that other nations live up to their trade agreements. Import Administration impartially enforces U.S. trade laws, ensuring that U.S. businesses have a level playing field in the domestic marketplace.

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

International Trade Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Phone: 800-872-8723
Web site: www.ita.doc.gov

New Markets Tax Credit

Program Description/Activities: This credit is expected to spur the investment of \$15 billion in new private capital into New Markets. By making an investment in an eligible "community development entity" (CDE), individual and corporate investors can receive a tax credit worth more than 30 percent of the amount invested over the life of the credit. Eligible CDEs include for-profit community-development financial institutions, for-profit subsidiaries of community development corporations, the U.S. Small Business Administration, licensed New Markets Venture Capital companies, and specialized small business investment companies.

Related Category:

Business Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Community Development Financial
Institutions Fund
U.S. Department of Treasury
Phone: 202-622-8662
Web site: www.treas.gov/cdfi

Planning Program

Program Description/Activities: Grants under this program assist economically distressed States, sub-State planning regions, cities, and urban counties to undertake new economic development planning, policymaking, and implementation efforts. Grants provide financial assistance to support economic development planning and implementation activities such as economic analysis, definition of program goals, determination of project opportunities, and formulation and implementation of a development program. Assistance under this program enhances economic development planning capability and continuous economic development planning processes and procedures and helps build institutional capacity.

Related Categories:

Community Building, Infrastructure,
Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Public Works
U.S. Department of Commerce
Phone: 202-482-2873
Web site: www.doc.gov/eda

Public Works and Development Facilities Program

Related Categories:

Community Building, Infrastructure,
Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Public Works
U.S. Department of Commerce
Phone: 202-482-5265
Web site: www.doc.gov/eda

Program Description/Activities: Grants are provided to help distressed communities attract new industries, encourage business expansion, diversify local economies, and generate long-term, private-sector jobs. Projects funded include water and sewer facilities primarily serving industry and commerce, access roads to industrial parks or sites, port improvements, and business incubator facilities. A proposed project must be located within or provide a substantial direct benefit to an area in severe economic distress, that is, one that is experiencing high unemployment, low per capita income, or sudden economic changes such as those caused by a military base closure.

Grant/Award Amount: \$286 million for FY 2001.

Rebuild America

Related Category:

Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Energy Efficiency
U.S. Department of Energy
Phone: 800-363-3732
Web site: www.rebuild.org or
www.eren.doe.gov/energysmartschools

Program Description/Activities: Rebuild America helps community and regional partnerships improve the energy efficiency of commercial and multifamily buildings. Partners may include government agencies, economic development organizations, energy services companies, financial institutions, utilities, private businesses, and nonprofit organizations. Rebuild America provides technical assistance and helps identify sources for financial assistance but does not provide funding or financing for building projects. Examples of technical assistance include methods of auditing buildings, selection of energy-efficient equipment, and methodology for monitoring energy use and calculating savings. Rebuild America also targets K-12 schools through Energy Smart Schools, a campaign of the U.S. Department of Energy Rebuild America program. The Energy Smart Schools campaign is a national initiative focused on improving energy use in K-12 schools. It addresses not only buildings but also bus fleets and student learning activities.

Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program

Related Category:

Business Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Rural Business-Cooperative Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-720-0813
Web site: www.rurdev.usda.gov

Program Description/Activities: These grants help public bodies, nonprofit organizations, and federally recognized tribal groups finance and facilitate development of small and emerging private business enterprises located in rural areas. Grant funds can pay for land acquisition and development, construction of buildings and plants, equipment, access streets and roads, parking areas, utility and service extensions, refinancing, and fees for professional services.

Grant/Award Amount: \$40.664 million for FY 2001.

Rural Cooperative Development Grants

Program Description/Activities: Rural Cooperative Development grants are used to establish and operate rural technology and cooperative development centers to improve the economic condition in rural areas. Funded activities promote the development of new services and products that can be produced or provided in rural areas. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations that include institutions of higher education.

Grant/Award Amount: \$4.5 million for FY 2001.

Related Category:
Business Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:
Specialty Lenders Division
Rural Business-Cooperative Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-720-8460
Web site: www.rurdev.usda.gov

Rural Economic Development Grants

Program Description/Activities: This program provides grants to rural communities through Rural Utilities Service (RUS) borrowers to be used for revolving loan funds for community facilities and infrastructure and for assistance in conjunction with rural economic development loans. Funds may be granted to any RUS borrower who is not financially distressed, delinquent on any Federal debt, or in bankruptcy proceedings. Grants are made for project feasibility studies/technical assistance, community development assistance (nonprofit and public bodies), projects where public for-profit or nonprofit entities provide education and training to rural residents to facilitate economic development, and projects where public for-profit and nonprofit entities provide medical care to rural residents.

Grant funds for the purpose of establishing revolving loan funds will be provided only to RUS borrowers on a non-passthrough basis. RUS borrowers will, in turn, provide no-interest loans to foster rural economic development. Initial loan funds may be used for business incubators by nonprofit groups, community development, facilities and equipment for education, and facilities and equipment for medical care.

Grant/Award Amount: \$3 million for FY 2001.

Related Categories:
Access to Capital, Business Assistance, Infrastructure

Program/Agency Contact:
Specialty Lenders Division
Rural Business-Cooperative Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-720-1400
Web site: www.rurdev.usda.gov

Rural Economic Development Loans

Program Description/Activities: These direct loans made to electric and telephone utilities financed by the Rural Utilities Service promote economic development and job creation projects. Funds can be used for project feasibility studies, startup costs, incubator projects, and other reasonable expenses to foster rural development.

Grant/Award Amount: \$15 million for FY 2001.

Related Categories:
Access to Capital, Business Assistance, Infrastructure

Program/Agency Contact:
Special Lenders Division
Rural Business-Cooperative Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-720-1400
Web site: www.rurdev.usda.gov

Rural Housing and Economic Development Program

Related Category:

Housing and Homelessness

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Rural Housing and Economic
Development

U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development

Phone: 202-708-2035

Web site: www.hud.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Rural Housing and Economic Development Program was developed to focus specifically on capacity building and innovative approaches to both housing and economic development in rural areas. Funding is available under two categories/initiatives: capacity building and support for innovative activities. Capacity building involves enhancing existing organizations to carry out new functions and/or to perform existing functions more effectively. Support for innovative activities is intended to support, but not be limited to, "hard costs" for both housing and economic development.

Grant/Award Amount: \$24 million for FY 2001.

Section 8(a) Program

Related Categories:

Business Assistance, Equal Opportunity

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Minority Enterprise Development

U.S. Small Business Administration

Phone: 202-205-6459

Web site: www.sba.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Section 8(a) Program provides servicing, marketing support, Federal Government contracts, and other business development assistance to small companies owned by socially and economically disadvantaged people. The Section 8(a) Program works to foster business ownership and the competitive viability of small firms owned by individuals who are socially and economically disadvantaged and to expand their participation in Federal procurement of equipment, products, and services.

Section 108 Loan Guarantee

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Business Assistance,
Disaster Relief, Education, Environment,
Equal Opportunity, Health, Housing
and Homelessness, Human Services and
Family Support, Infrastructure, Public Safety
and Crime Prevention, Welfare to Work,
Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Financial Management Division

Office of Block Grant Assistance

U.S. Department of Housing and

Urban Development

Phone: 202-708-1871

Web site: www.hud.gov

Program Description/Activities: Through Section 108, HUD guarantees notes issued by units of general local government. Funds finance economic revitalization and development activities that include housing and rehabilitation of privately owned buildings for residential purposes; expansion of for-profit businesses; financing and rehabilitation of low-income and public housing; acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of neighborhood and community facilities; site improvement on community-owned land leased to a developer for a commercial or industrial development project; site development; purchase of land or buildings for economic development; and infrastructure development that includes street reconstruction and/or sewer system repairs.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.26 billion for FY 2001.

Selling to the Military, Department of Defense (DoD)

Program Description/Activities: The major DoD procurement offices and the products and services they purchase are listed in *Selling to the Military*. This publication serves as a marketing guide for businesses interested in becoming suppliers of products or services to DoD. This publication is an introduction to the broad subject of contracting with DoD agencies and can be used in conjunction with *Small Business Specialist*. It can be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402; or downloaded from DoD's Web site.

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Small and Disadvantaged
Business Utilization
U.S. Department of Defense
Phone: 703-588-8631
Web site: www.acq.osd.mil/sadbu

Small Business Specialist, Department of Defense (DoD)

Program Description/Activities: The military services and defense agencies have contracting offices located throughout the United States. Each office is assigned a small business specialist to assist small businesses, small disadvantaged businesses, and women-owned small business firms in marketing their products and services to DoD. These specialists provide information on defense procurement procedures as well as guidance in marketing to the Government and identifying prime contract and subcontract opportunities. These specialists' names are listed in *Small Business Specialist*, a publication that should be used in conjunction with *Selling to the Military*. Both publications can be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402; or downloaded from DoD's Web site.

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Small and Disadvantaged
Business Utilization
U.S. Department of Defense
Phone: 703-588-8631
Web site: www.acq.osd.mil/sadbu

State Energy Program (SEP)/SEP Special Projects

Program Description/Activities: This program provides funding to States to address both national energy initiatives and local priorities. Businesses can partner or subcontract with their State to access these funds. Under the program's guidelines, States implement energy-efficiency and renewable energy activities through a wide range of possible projects across all energy-use sectors: buildings, industry, utilities, and transportation. SEP special projects provide for competitively awarded financial assistance for a range of energy-efficiency and renewable projects.

Grant/Award Amount: For SEP, \$37.7 million for FY 2001. For SEP Special Projects, approximately \$14.8 million for FY 2001.

Related Categories:

Business Assistance, Environment

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Energy Efficiency and
Renewable Energy
Office of Building Technology
State and Community Program
U.S. Department of Energy
Phone: 202-586-4074
Web site: www.eren.doe.gov

Tax-Exempt Bond Financing

Program/Agency Contact:

Technical Department
Internal Revenue Service
U.S. Department of Treasury
Phone: 1-800-829-1040
Web site: www.irs.ustreas.gov

Program Description/Activities: Tax-exempt Enterprise Zone facility bonds generally have lower interest rates than conventional financing. To qualify, 95 percent or more of the net proceeds of the bond issue must be used to finance qualified zone property where the principal user is an Enterprise Zone Business.

Grant/Award Amount: Maximum bond financing is \$3 million per business within a specific zone and \$20 million per business across all zones, subject to State volume caps.

Technology Opportunity Program

Related Categories:

Community Building, Education, Health, Infrastructure, Public Safety and Crime Prevention, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Phone: 202-482-2048
Web site: www.ntia.doc.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides matching grants to nonprofit organizations such as schools, libraries, hospitals, public safety entities, and State and local governments. Grants fund projects that improve the quality of, and the public's access to, education, healthcare, public safety, and other community-based services. The grants are used to purchase computer equipment and software, train staff and users, and provide connections to the Internet. Funds also support evaluation and dissemination of project findings.

Grant/Award Amount: \$900,000 for FY 2001.

Transportation and Marketing

Related Categories:

Infrastructure, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Transportation and Marketing Division
Agricultural Marketing Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-690-1300
Web site: www.ams.usda.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program develops and promotes efficient agriculture transportation systems to help improve farm income, expand exports, and meet the needs of rural America. The program provides technical and administrative direction, coordination, training, and leadership in the development and execution of agricultural transportation policies. Transportation services provide a basis for Federal-State decisionmakers in regulatory, policy, and legislative matters to ensure that the transportation needs of rural communities and agriculture are met.

Urban and Rural Community Economic Development Program

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Community Services
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Phone: 202-401-9333
Web site: www.acf.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program supports projects that provide employment and ownership opportunities for low-income individuals through employment skills development and business and commercial development. It is designed to improve the quality of the economic and social environment of low-income residents in economically depressed areas.

Funds will be awarded in FY 2001 in the following seven priority areas:

- **Operational Grants** provide employment and community development opportunities for low-income persons through business, physical, or commercial development.
- **Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)** provide funds to community development corporations in conjunction with HBCUs for the purpose stated above under Operational Grants.
- **Pre-Developmental Grants** develop a business plan related to one or more projects and mobilize resources to be contributed to one of those projects.
- **Training and Technical Assistance** develop instructional programs, national conferences, seminars, and other activities to assist community development corporations.
- **Administration and Management Expertise (Set-Aside)** provides administrative and management expertise to Office of Community services-funded grantees who have less experience with the day-to-day issues and challenges presented in promoting community economic development, as well as to those grantees that have encountered obstacles in operating their work programs.
- **Developmental Grants** provide employment and community development opportunities for low-income individuals through business, physical, or commercial development.
- **Rural Community Development Activities** help low-income rural communities develop the capacity and expertise to establish and/or maintain affordable, adequate, and safe water and wastewater treatment facilities.

Grant/Award Amount: Approximately \$24 million in FY 2001.

Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)

Program Description/Activities: This credit encourages the hiring of economically disadvantaged workers who live within an Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community. To qualify the employer for the 40-percent credit on up to \$6,000 of wages (\$3,000 for summer youth), a certified individual must work for the employer for at least 400 hours in a year. A credit of 25 percent of wages up to \$6,000 (\$3,000 for summer youth) is available to the employer for certified individuals who work 120 to 399 hours. The credit applies only to wages paid during the first year of employment. The credit for a qualifying summer youth applies only to wages paid for work during any 90-day period between May 1 and September 15.

Grant/Award Amount: Maximum credit amount per worker is \$2,400; for summer youth, \$1,200.

Related Category:
Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:
Employee Benefits and Exempt Organizations
Internal Revenue Service
U.S. Department of Treasury
Phone: 202-622-6060
Web site: www.treas.gov

Education

21st Century Community Learning Centers

Related Categories:

Community Building, Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Educational Research and Improvement
U.S. Department of Education
Phone: 202-260-3420
Web site: www.ed.gov/21stcclc

Program Description/Activities: The 21st Century Community Learning Centers program awards grants to rural and inner-city public schools, or consortia of such schools, to develop projects that benefit the educational, health, social services, cultural, and recreational needs of communities. School-based community learning centers can provide a safe, drug-free, supervised haven for children and their families. Grants awarded under this program may be used to plan, implement, or expand community learning centers.

Grant/Award Amount: \$846 million for FY 2001.

Bilingual Education—Comprehensive School Grants

Related Categories:

Human Services and Family Support, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs
U.S. Department of Education
Phone: 202-205-5712
Web site: www.ed.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides grants for bilingual education, English as a second language programs, and other special alternative instructional programs. Programs should reform, restructure, and upgrade existing programs that serve all limited English proficient (LEP) students in a particular school. Grants may be used for family education, parent outreach, curriculum development, instructional materials, improved assessment procedures, education software, tutoring and counseling, training programs to improve services to LEP students, or compensation of personnel trained to serve LEP students.

Grant/Award Amount: Approximately \$17 million for FY 2001. Range of awards is \$150,000 to \$275,000. An expected 100 awards will be made in a 60-month period.

Bilingual Education Professional Development

Related Categories:

Human Services and Family Support, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Bilingual Education and Minority Languages Affairs
U.S. Department of Education
Phone: 202-205-8842
Web site: www.ed.gov/offices/OBEMLA/fy2000.html

Program Description/Activities: The Bilingual Education Professional Development initiative helps school districts meet the critical need for teachers skilled in educating limited English proficient (LEP) children. Funds may be used for developing effective instructional and assessment methodologies for educational personnel, supporting preservice and inservice professional development, upgrading qualifications and skills of educational personnel to meet high professional standards, and providing graduate fellowship awards for study and research related to the instruction of LEP students. Grants are available to institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, local educational agencies, and State educational agencies in three categories: Teachers and Personnel, Career Ladder, and Training for All Teachers.

Grant/Award Amount: \$100 million for FY 2001.

Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Loans and Grants

Program Description/Activities: The DLT program is designed specifically to meet the educational and healthcare needs of rural America. Direct Treasury-rate loans, grants, and loan and grant combinations provide funding for advanced telecommunications technologies to help rural residents find solutions to problems that face rural educators and healthcare providers. The program asks recipients to define the educational or healthcare problems that face their rural communities, determine how financial assistance can help, and explain why they need the U.S. Department of Agriculture's assistance.

Grant/Award Amount: For FY 2001, \$25 million in grants and \$300 million in loans will be made available for distance learning and telemedicine projects serving rural America. Maximum award amounts are \$500,000 for grants, \$10 million for loans, and a 10:1 ratio for a loan/grant combination.

Related Categories:

Health, Infrastructure

Program/Agency Contact:

Telecommunications, Rural Utilities Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-720-9549
Web site: www.rurdev.usda.gov

Educational Technology: Preparing America for the 21st Century

Program Description/Activities: This program promotes the integration of technology into classroom curriculum by teachers. Grants are available on a competitive basis to support partnerships that seek to improve teacher preparedness and foster collaboration across disciplines and among State educational agencies, institutions of higher learning, local educational agencies, elementary and secondary schools, and the private sector. Through these partnerships, universities and colleges will expand and build capacity by preparing teachers to use technology in all instructional areas. Awards may be used to support faculty development in using technology, expand initiatives for teacher technology competence, create technology-based teaching tools and resources, and provide field experiences focused on teaching with technology.

Grant/Award Amount: \$125 million for FY 2001. The program will make 15 catalyst awards averaging \$600,000 each for 3 years and 88 implementation awards averaging \$400,000 each for 3 years.

Related Categories:

Community Building, Technical Assistance, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Educational Technology
U.S. Department of Education
Phone: 202-502-7788
Web site: www.ed.gov

Elementary and Secondary Education Act—Part A of Title 1

Program Description/Activities: This program supports local educational agencies in providing quality opportunities for students in high-poverty schools. Title 1 funds may be used to support a variety of activities designed to help educationally disadvantaged children in high-poverty areas reach high academic standards. These activities can include supplemental instruction in basic and more advanced skills during the school day, before- and afterschool programs, summer school programs, preschool programs, alternative school programs, programs featuring home visits, parent education, and childcare.

Related Categories:

Technical Assistance, Welfare to Work, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Elementary and
Secondary Education
Compensatory Education Program
U.S. Department of Education
Phone: 202-260-0826
Web site: www.ed.gov

Even Start—State Education Agencies

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Elementary and

Secondary Education

U.S. Department of Education

Phone: 202-260-0826

Web site: www.ed.gov

Program Description/Activities: Even Start is a family-focused, State-administered program that provides participating families with an integrated program of early childhood education, adult literacy and basic skills instruction, and parenting education. All projects have some home-based instruction and provide for the joint participation of parents and children age 7 years or younger. This program is administered by States. Legislation requires collaboration between schools and communities in the application and implementation processes and gives priority to projects that serve families in eligible Title 1 schoolwide attendance areas.

Grant/Award Amount: \$250 million for FY 2001.

GEAR UP

Related Category:

Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

U.S. Department of Education

Phone: 202-502-7676

Web site: www.ed.gov/gearup

Program Description/Activities: GEAR UP is a national effort to encourage more young people to have high expectations, stay in school and study hard, and go to college through supporting early college awareness and preparation activities and providing academic support for low-income students. Funding is divided between Partnership Grants and State Grants. Partnership projects must serve entire grade levels of students and begin no later than the seventh grade. These grants will be awarded to locally designed partnerships among colleges, low-income middle schools and secondary schools, and community partners. State projects must provide both early college preparation and awareness activities and scholarships for participating students. All States are eligible to apply for State grants.

Grant/Award Amount: \$295 million in FY 2001.

Learn and Serve America: School- and Community-Based Programs

Related Categories:

Human Services and Family Support,
Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

Learn and Serve America

Corporation for National Service

Phone: 202-606-5000

Web site: www.nationalservice.org

Program Description/Activities: The major purpose of Learn and Serve America is to fund school-, campus-, and community-based service-learning programs for youth in kindergarten through higher education. These programs engage youth in service to their communities to enrich academic learning, promote personal growth, and help them develop the skills needed for productive citizenship. Learn and Serve America higher education programs address community needs in four key areas: education, public safety, human needs, and the environment.

Learning Anytime Anywhere Partnerships (LAAP)

Program Description/Activities: LAAP is a competitive grant program intended to increase access to high-quality, technology-mediated learning opportunities. To achieve these goals, funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Education to encourage partnerships among institutions of higher education, community organizations, businesses, and other public or private organizations to offer a variety of education options for students and other individuals and for developing innovative educational methods.

Grant/Award Amount: \$15.5 million for FY 2001.

Related Categories:

Equal Opportunity, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Fund for Improvement of Postsecondary Education

U.S. Department of Education

Phone: 202-502-7520

Web site: www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/FIPSE/LAAP

Magnet Schools Assistance in Desegregating Districts

Program Description/Activities: These grants assist in the desegregation of public schools by supporting the development and implementation of magnet schools. Magnet schools offer a wide range of distinctive education programs including math, science, aerospace, technology, foreign language immersion, and humanities, and a wide range of instructional approaches such as basic skills, open classrooms, individualized instruction, and Montessori.

Grant/Award Amount: \$110 million for FY 2001. Average award is \$1.4 million. Range of awards is \$300,000 to \$3 million.

Related Categories:

Equal Opportunity, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

U.S. Department of Education

Phone: 202-260-2476

Web site: www.ed.gov

National Guard Challenge Program

Program Description/Activities: This program is a 22-week, quasi-military residential program for drug-free high school dropouts ages 16 to 18 who are unemployed and not currently involved with the legal system. The residential phase is followed by a 12-month mentoring period. The core components are academic excellence (such as achieving a general equivalency diploma or a high school diploma), leadership and followership instructions, citizenship skills, community service, life-coping skills, job skills, physical fitness, and health and hygiene instructions. On successful completion of the residential phase, graduates may receive stipends to go on to college or vocational-technical learning institutions, obtain jobs, or return to high school. The program currently operates in 24 States and 1 territory.

Related Category:

Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Partnerships and Alliances

U.S. Department of Defense

Phone: 703-693-8630

Web site: www.defenselink.mil/

Program Development Implementation Grants

Related Category:

Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Bilingual Education and Minority
Language Affairs

U.S. Department of Education

Phone: 202-205-5463

Web site: www.ed.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides discretionary grants that support the development and implementation of new comprehensive, coherent, and successful bilingual or English as a second language programs and other special alternative instructional programs for limited English proficient students. Community-based organizations and institutions of higher education must have their applications approved by local education agencies.

Grant/Award Amount: At least \$10.5 million for FY 2001. Average award is \$150,000. Range of awards is \$94,000 to \$175,000.

Public Charter Schools

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Elementary and
Secondary Education

U.S. Department of Education

Phone: 202-260-2671

Web site: www.uscharterschools.org

Program Description/Activities: This program funds the design and initial implementation of public charter schools in States that have passed legislation approving charter school experiments. In these States, most regulatory requirements have been removed, leaving a charter school free to sharpen its focus, mission, and identity. Charter schools are operated by key stakeholders such as teachers and parents. State or local educational agencies may apply for grants in partnership with teachers, parents, or others developing a public charter school. An application can cover any combination of one or more schools.

Grant/Award Amount: \$190 million for FY 2001.

Reading Excellence Act

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Elementary and Secondary
Education

U.S. Department of Education

Phone: 202-260-8228

Web site: www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/REA

Program Description/Activities: The Reading Excellence Act's purpose is to prepare children to learn to read once they enter school with readiness skills and support in early childhood; teach every child to read by the end of the third grade; and improve the instructional practices of teachers and other instructional staff in elementary schools. Competitive grants are available to State educational agencies (SEAs) to support local reading improvement and tutorial assistance grants. SEAs receiving funding will make subgrants available on a competitive basis to high-poverty local school districts.

Eligible applicants for the local reading improvement grants include local school districts that have at least one school in Title 1 improvement status, have the highest or second-highest percentages of poverty in the State, or serve the highest or second-highest number of poor children in the State. Awards for tutorial assistance will be made based on these factors and/or to those districts located in Empowerment Zones/Enterprise Communities.

Grant/Award Amount: \$266.7 million in FY 2001.

Safe and Drug-Free Schools Communities State Grants Program

Program Description/Activities: The Safe and Drug-Free Schools Communities State Grants Program Act supports school- and community-based drug and violence education and prevention programs. Funds are awarded on a formula basis to Governors and State educational agencies. Local educational agencies (LEAs) apply to receive these funds from the State based on student enrollment. They have the flexibility to design programs and implement a broad range of violence prevention, conflict resolution and peer mediation, mentoring, drug prevention education, and community service and learning projects. Up to 20 percent of funds awarded to LEAs may be used for the installation of metal detectors, the employment of security guards, and the establishment of safe zones of passage between home and school. Community-based entities apply to Governors for funds to develop and implement drug and violence prevention programs. Authorized activities include information dissemination, comprehensive drug and violence prevention programs, before- and afterschool programs, and activities designed to prevent and reduce violence associated with prejudice.

Related Category:

Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Elementary and
Secondary Education
U.S. Department of Education
Phone: 202-260-3954
Web site: www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SDFS

Safe and Drug-Free Schools Middle School Coordinators Initiative

Program Description/Activities: This initiative helps school districts recruit, hire, and train drug prevention and school safety coordinators for middle schools. Coordinators will be responsible for identifying promising drug prevention and school safety programs and strategies; assisting schools in adopting the most successful strategies; developing, conducting, and analyzing assessments of school drug and crime problems; working with community resources to ensure collaboration; and providing feedback to State educational agencies on programs and activities that have proven to be successful in reducing drug use and violent behavior.

Grant/Award Amount: \$26-40 million in FY 2001.

Related Categories:

Human Services and Family Support,
Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
U.S. Department of Education
Phone: 202-260-3954
Web site: www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SDFS

School-to-Work Opportunities (STWOs)

Related Category:
Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:
Urban/Rural Opportunities
National School-to-Work Learning
and Information Center
U.S. Department of Education
Phone: 800-251-7236
Web site: www.stw.ed.gov

Program Description/Activities: This initiative invites all sectors of the community to work together to assist students in making the transition from school to careers and further education. Each local system provides relevant education, marketable skills, and valued credentials to all young people. Each State and locally created School-to-Work system must contain three core elements: school-based learning (classroom instruction based on high academic and business-defined occupational skill standards); work-based learning (career exploration, work experience, structured training, and mentoring at job sites); and connecting activities (courses integrating classroom and on-the-job instruction, the matching of students with participating employers, the training of mentors, and the building of other bridges between school and work). These initiatives depend on the identification and establishment of broad-based partnerships among employers, educators, labor and government representatives, parents, community organizations, and others.

Grant/Award Amount: \$110 million for FY 2001, which includes \$11 million in funds for Urban/Rural Opportunities Grants; \$88 million to States, Indian tribes and territories; \$8 million to national activities; and \$3 million for other grants.

School-to-Work Opportunities (STWOs)—Urban/Rural Opportunities Grants

Related Category:
Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:
Urban/Rural Opportunities
National School-to-Work Learning
and Information Center
U.S. Department of Education
Phone: 1-800-251-7236
Web site: www.stw.ed.gov

Program Description/Activities: These grants are awarded competitively to local partnerships in urban and rural areas of high poverty to enable them to implement local STWO initiatives.

Grant/Award Amount: \$11 million for FY 2001.

Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants

Related Categories:
Economic Development, Workforce
Development

Program/Agency Contact:
U.S. Department of Education
Phone: 202-502-7762
Web site: www.ed.gov/offices/OPE/heatqp/

Program Description/Activities: Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants fund three programs: Partnership Grants for Improving Teacher Education, State Grants, and Teacher Recruitment Grants.

Partnership Grants provide funds for 5 years to strengthen teacher education through programs for prospective teachers. State Grants encourage States to improve the quality of their teaching force through activities such as strengthening teacher certification standards, implementing reforms that hold institutions of higher education accountable, establishing or strengthening alternative pathways into teaching, and recruiting new high-quality teachers for high-need areas. Grants are available for a 3-year period. Teacher Recruitment Grants support State and local efforts to recruit highly qualified teachers for high-need areas. The program supports high-quality teacher preparation and induction programs tailored to address these shortages.

Technology Innovation Challenge Grants

Program Description/Activities: This program is designed to support partnerships among educators, business and industry, and community organizations to develop innovative applications of technology and community plans for fully integrating technology into schools. The program provides competitive awards to consortia that include at least one local educational agency with a high percentage or number of children living in poverty.

Grant/Award Amount: \$136.3 million for FY 2001.

Related Categories:

Community Building, Technical Assistance, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Educational Research and Improvement

U.S. Department of Education

Phone: 202-219-2200

Web site: www.ed.gov/offices/OERI

Youthbuild, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Program Description/Activities: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funds implementation grants for local Youthbuild programs that provide economically disadvantaged youth with education and employment skills through work opportunities in their communities. Participating youth receive onsite housing construction and rehabilitation work experience and offsite academic classes, job-skills training, and leadership development and supportive services. In addition to benefiting the participants, the program increases the supply of permanent affordable housing for homeless and low-income families. In determining grant recipients, two bonus points are awarded to applicants who certify that their eligible activities/projects are located in high-performing federally designated Empowerment Zones or Enterprise Communities.

Grant/Award Amount: Approximately \$52.9 million for FY 2001.

Related Categories:

Housing and Homelessness, Welfare to Work, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Economic Development

U.S. Department of Housing and

Urban Development

Phone: 202-708-2290

Web site: www.hud.gov/progdsc/youthb.cfm

Environment

Appalachian Clean Streams Initiative (ACSI)

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Infrastructure

Program/Agency Contact:

Division of Reclamation Support
Office of Surface Mining
U.S. Department of the Interior
Phone: 202-208-2937
Web site: www.osmre.gov

Program Description/Activities: This cooperative program works with more than 70 public and private entities to accelerate the cleanup of acid mine drainage from abandoned coal mines. The Office of Surface Mining (OSM) provides grants for such projects. The program funds State-identified stream restoration projects under priorities established by Section 403 of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. In FY 2000, a total of \$5.9 million was appropriated for ACSI State grants. OSM also is providing \$1,750,000 in cooperative agreement funds to nonprofit groups (such as local watershed organizations) to construct mine drainage treatment projects. Additional information and application materials are available through OSM's Web site.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.7 million for FY 2001.

Appalachian Community Learning Project, Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)

Related Categories:

Community Building, Economic Development, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Appalachian Regional Commission
Phone: 202-884-7713
Web site: www.arc.gov

Program Description/Activities: ARC assists the residents and organizations of Appalachia in mobilizing and working together for sustained economic progress and improvement in their communities. This program provides leadership and civic development training, facilitation services, and community minigrants to Appalachia's distressed communities. Civic development investments are critical elements of ARC programs.

Brownfields Cleanup and Redevelopment Initiative, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

Related Categories:

Business Assistance, Economic Development, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Outreach and Special Projects/OSWER
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Phone: 202-260-4039
Web site: www.epa.gov

Program Description/Activities: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Brownfields Cleanup and Redevelopment Initiative identifies and addresses barriers to cleanup and redevelopment of abandoned, idle, or underused commercial or industrial properties where reuse is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination (known as brownfields). Since 1993 EPA has awarded funding for more than 300 Brownfields Assessment Demonstration pilots at up to \$200,000 each to States, cities, towns, counties, and federally recognized Native American tribes for property assessments and the development of cleanup and reuse strategies. EPA also awards funding for Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund pilots at up to \$500,000 each to enable eligible States, cities, towns, counties, and federally recognized Native

American tribes to capitalize revolving loan funds to safely clean up and reuse brownfields. EPA also began to award funding for Job Training and Development Demonstration pilots at up to \$200,000 each in 1998. These projects bring together community groups, job-training organizations, educators, labor groups, investors, lenders, developers, and other affected parties to address the issue of providing environmental employment training for residents in and/or around communities affected by brownfields.

Grant/Award Amount: Approximately \$14 million for FY 2001 Assessment Demonstration Pilots. \$2 million for FY 2001 Brownfields Job Training pilots. \$30 million for FY 2001 Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund pilots.

Brownfields Revitalization Initiative

Program Description/Activities: The U.S. Department of Transportation provides States and communities with the flexibility to include brownfields redevelopment as part of their transportation projects. State transportation agencies and metropolitan planning organizations can use existing transportation program funds for brownfields projects related to transportation.

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Infrastructure

Program/Agency Contact:

U.S. Department of Transportation

Phone: 202-366-4822

Web site: www.ostpxweb.dot.gov/livabili/brownfie.htm

Energy Smart Schools

Program Description/Activities: The Nation's schools spend more than \$6 billion a year on energy. Energy Smart Schools, a campaign of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Rebuild America program, brings together communities and public and private energy and education organizations to cut energy bills and energy consumption in schools, improve the learning environment, and reinvest the savings in education. The primary goal of the campaign is to reduce energy bills 25 percent by 2010 so that schools can direct more resources toward children and their education. The estimated \$1.5 billion in annual savings could be used to buy 40 million new textbooks or 1.5 million new computers, or to hire 30,000 new teachers. Energy Smart Schools will work to ensure that energy efficiency and other "smart" design principles are incorporated into new school construction as 6,000 new schools are built in the Nation over the next decade.

Grant/Award Amount: Awards range from \$50,000 to \$200,000 to individual States for Rebuild America-related programs, including school projects.

Related Categories:

Education, Infrastructure, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Energy Efficiency and

Renewable Energy

U.S. Department of Energy

Phone: 800-363-3732

Web site: www.eren.doe.gov/energysmartschools

Environmental Contaminants Program

Related Category:

Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Division of Environmental Contaminants
Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Phone: 703-358-2148
Web site: www.fws.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program conducts a wide array of activities aimed at assessing and preventing the adverse effects of environmental contaminants on fish and wildlife and their habitats, including endangered species, migratory birds, certain fish, marine mammals, and National Wildlife Refuge lands. This activity occurs through reviews of and coordination on environmental documents, legislation, regulations, permits, licenses, and actual field work conducting scientific investigations, monitoring, and cleanup activities. Aid typically is provided through requests for technical assistance or consultation from interested parties.

Grant/Award Amount: \$9 million for FY 2001.

Environmental Justice Community Grants Program, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Justice

Related Category:

Community Building

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Environmental Justice
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Phone: 202-564-2515
Web site: www.epa.gov/oeca

Program Description/Activities: This program provides financial assistance to community-based/grassroots organizations that are working on local solutions to local environmental problems. Eligible applicants include community-based organizations, churches, tribal organizations, and other nonprofit groups.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.5 million for FY 2001. Average amount is up to \$20,000.

Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance

Related Category:

Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Division of Fish and Wildlife
Management Assistance
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Phone: 703-358-1718
Web site: www.fws.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides technical information, advice, and assistance to Federal agencies, other nations, States, and Native American tribes on the conservation and management of fish and wildlife resources (including comanagement by Alaskan Natives of marine mammals for subsistence use) and the prevention of introduction and spread of nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species. Advice is provided on biological, chemical, and physical aspects of land and water management; specific recommendations and plans are developed based on existing conditions. Management expertise also is available on stocking of fish from National Fish Hatcheries and fish and wildlife management techniques, focusing on aquatic habitat restoration.

Million Solar Roofs

Program Description/Activities: Million Solar Roofs is a Presidential Initiative with the goal of installing 1 million solar energy systems on buildings across the United States by 2010. The program works with partners in the building industry, other Federal agencies, utilities, the solar energy industry, financial institutions, State and local governments, and nongovernmental organizations to remove barriers to solar energy use and to develop and strengthen demand for solar energy products and applications. It supports States and communities as they develop a commitment to solar energy technologies. At the local level, the initiative works with State and local partnerships that serve as the focal point for solar energy market development and barrier removal activities in their areas. These partnerships consist of local partners including builders and developers, energy service providers, utilities, solar energy distributors, installers and manufacturers, nongovernmental organizations, and local and State governments.

Related Categories:

Business Assistance, Economic Development, Infrastructure, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Energy Efficiency and
Renewable Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
Phone: 800-363-3723
Web site: www.eren.doe.gov/millionroofs/

National Scenic Byways Program

Program Description/Activities: Under this program, the Secretary of Transportation designates roads as National Scenic Byways or All-American Roads based on their qualities, corridors, and surroundings. Candidate roads already must have been designated as State scenic byways or, in the case of roads on Federal land, as Federal land management agency scenic byways. Local or Federal agency nomination requests must come to the U.S. Department of Transportation through the State (or States) where the road is located. Discretionary funds are available to implement projects on national- or State-designated scenic byways.

Related Categories:

Community Building, Economic Development, Infrastructure, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
Phone: 202-366-0150 or
800-429-4BYWAYS
Web site: www.byways.org

Grant/Award Amount: \$24.5 million in FY 2001, \$25.5 million in FY 2002, and \$26.5 million in FY 2003.

North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants Program

Program Description/Activities: The North American Wetlands Conservation Council recommends projects to be funded under this program to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. Projects must provide for the long-term conservation of wetland habitats and the migratory species dependent on them. Grants must be matched at least one-to-one by non-Federal partner funds. Any individual, public, tribal, or private organization in North America is eligible to apply.

Program/Agency Contact:

North American Wetlands
Conservation Council
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Phone: 703-358-1784
Web site: www.fws.gov

Grant/Award Amount: Approximately \$75 million for FY 2001.

Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA)

Related Categories:

Community Building, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance

National Park Service

U.S. Department of the Interior

Phone: 202-565-1200

Web site: www.ncrc.nps.gov/rtca

Program Description/Activities: RTCA helps citizens conserve rivers, establish trails, and provide outdoor recreational opportunities. The National Park Service (NPS), in partnership with citizens and State and local governments, is involved in the early phases of projects in establishing goals, resolving difficult issues, and reaching consensus about the future use and protection of important land and water resources, generally on non-Federal lands. (NPS has less involvement once a project reaches the implementation stage.) Assistance is provided to develop greenways and trails, protect river access and views, convert abandoned railbeds into trails, conserve open space, redevelop and restore mistreated resources, and establish and strengthen nonprofit organizations.

Grant/Award Amount: \$7.1 million for FY 2001.

Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program

Related Categories:

Community Building, Education,
Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Recreation Programs Division

National Center for Conservation and
Recreation

U.S. Department of the Interior

Phone: 202-565-1200

Web site: www.ncrc.nps.gov/uparr

Program Description/Activities: This program allows local communities to address urban recreational needs by awarding matching grants for the rehabilitation of critically needed recreation areas and facilities and the development of improved recreation programs and services.

Grant/Award Amount: \$29 million for FY 2001.

Weatherization Assistance Program

Related Categories:

Housing and Homelessness, Technical
Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Energy Efficiency and

Renewable Energy

Office of Building Technology, State and
Community Programs

U.S. Department of Energy

Phone: 800-363-3732

Web site: [www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/
weatherization_assistance](http://www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/weatherization_assistance)

Program Description/Activities: The Weatherization Assistance Program provides energy-saving services to low-income households through grants to States, the District of Columbia, and Native American tribes. Each State provides services to clients through local community action agencies, other local nonprofit organizations, or local government organizations. Local agency representatives inspect and analyze homes using energy-audit instruments and diagnostic techniques. Based on the analysis, cost-effective energy-efficiency products are installed by local agency staff or contractors. Households that meet the State's poverty-income guidelines qualify for program services. Priority is given to households with elderly residents, children, and/or people with disabilities.

Health

Health Program for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Program Description/Activities: The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease seeks to prevent exposure and adverse human health effects and diminished quality of life associated with exposure to hazardous substances from waste sites, unplanned releases, and other sources of pollution present in the environment.

Related Category:

Environment

Program/Agency Contact:

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 404-639-0700
Web site: www.atsdr.cdc.gov

HIV/AIDS Outreach Program

Program Description/Activities: This program funds grants to support community-based HIV/AIDS outreach programs in African-American, Hispanic/Latino(a), and other racial/ethnic minority communities that have high rates of substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. It is designed to develop community-based outreach projects that provide HIV counseling and testing services, health education and risk-reduction information, and access or referrals to sexually transmitted disease and tuberculosis testing, substance abuse treatment, primary care, mental health services, and medical services for persons with HIV/AIDS.

Applicants may be public and domestic private nonprofit and for-profit entities such as units of State or local governments and community-based organizations.

Grant/Award Amount: \$12 million for FY 2000. Awards are expected to range from \$100,000 to \$500,000 for periods of up to 3 years.

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
Administration
U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services
Phone: 301-443-8804
Web site: www.samhsa.gov

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant

Program Description/Activities: The Maternal and Child Health Block Grant provides funding to States for strengthening and reshaping the healthcare system with a focus on mothers and children. The program links Federal, State, local, and private programs to prevent disease and disability and promote optimal growth and development of mothers and children.

Every 5 years, State health departments produce a needs assessment identifying their priority areas for block grant funds. The most recent needs assessments, completed in 1995, identified the following high-priority issues: low birth weight and infant mortality, access to healthcare, prenatal care, reduction of unintended pregnancy, specific critical health concerns such as lead poisoning and dental care, identification of and

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Health Resources and Services
Administration
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 301-443-2170 or 877-477-2123
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

treatment for HIV-positive mothers and children, injury prevention, substance abuse, immunization, maternal health risks, family education and support, and high-risk adolescent behavior.

Local organizations can contact their State health departments to learn more about how these block grant funds may be available for community priorities.

Grant/Award Amount: \$708 million available for FY 2001.

Mental Health Performance Partnership Block Grant

Related Categories:

Community Building, Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Grant Opportunities
National Mental Health Service Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN)
Center for Mental Health Services
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Phone: 800-789-CMHS (voice) or
800-790-CMHS (electronic bulletin board service)
Web site: www.samhsa.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Mental Health Performance Partnership Block Grant program assists States in creating comprehensive, community-based care systems for adults with serious mental illnesses and children with severe emotional disturbances. Through State Planning Councils and development of client-based outcomes information, the grant enables States to better meet the unique needs of their populations. The block grants are awarded to States based on an allotment calculated for each fiscal year by a legislated formula. Awards are made in response to the State's application and to the implementation report the State submits for the previous fiscal year.

Local organizations may contact their State health departments to learn if these funds are available for community projects.

Grant/Award Amount: \$420 million available for FY 2001.

Childhood Immunization Program Grants

Related Categories:

Education, Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

National Immunization Program
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Phone: 404-639-8201
Web site: www.cdc.gov or www.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides grants to State and local health departments to support the planning, development, and implementation of childhood immunization programs focused on vaccine-preventable diseases including diphtheria, measles, mumps, paralytic polio, pertussis, rubella, and tetanus. Grantees use funds for a wide range of activities including purchasing vaccines, conducting health surveillance, assessing immunization levels, developing immunization registries, conducting outreach and education, and establishing partnerships with community groups and private-sector organizations.

Grant/Award Amount: \$351.8 million for FY 2001 awarded to 64 State and local health departments.

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant

Program Description/Activities: This block grant provides funding to State health departments and the Kickapoo and Sante Sioux Indian tribes according to a statute-based formula. The State health departments and tribes distribute funds for a wide variety of preventive health services. Allowable uses of the grants cover more than 60 health-related topics including nutrition, alcohol and other drug use, family planning, mental health, environmental health, maternal and infant health, diabetes, heart disease and stroke, sexually transmitted diseases, immunization and infectious diseases, and clinical preventive services.

Grant/Award Amount: \$179.3 million for FY 2001. (\$44 million is for rape prevention education.)

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

National Center for Chronic Disease
Prevention and Health Promotion
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 404-488-5810
Web site: www.cdc.gov or www.dhhs.gov

Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant Program

Program Description/Activities: This grant program helps States support rural communities and hospitals in developing more integrated healthcare systems. At a time when rural providers are facing increasing financial pressures, these grants enable communities to obtain needed technical assistance. Grants are awarded to States for developing and implementing rural health plans, helping at-risk hospitals convert to critical access hospitals (CAHs), and supporting communities and providers as they develop networks that integrate CAHs with emergency medical and other healthcare services into the area.

Grant/Award Amount: In 1999, a total of \$125 million was authorized over a 5-year period.

Related Categories:

Human Services and Family Support,
Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Rural Health Policy
Health Resources and Services
Administration
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 301-442-0835
Web site: www.ruralhealth.hrsa.gov/flex.htm

Rural Network Development and Outreach Grant Programs

Program Description/Activities: This program supports the creation of vertically integrated healthcare networks in rural localities to increase the availability of quality healthcare services. These networks typically include local hospitals, physicians, long-term care providers, and public health departments. The program supports projects that demonstrate new and innovative models of healthcare delivery in rural areas. The focus is on direct delivery of essential services to rural populations that lack them and efforts to enhance utilization of existing services.

Grant/Award Amount: \$32 million in FY 2001.

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Health Resources Services Administration
(HRSA) Grants Office/Office of Rural
Health Policy
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 301-443-0835
HRSA Grants Office: 877-477-2123
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

Steven Witte Comprehensive AIDS Resources (CARE) Act Grant Programs

Related Categories:

Community Building, Human Services
and Family Support

Program/Agency Contacts:

HIV/AIDS Bureau
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 301-443-1993
Office of AIDS Policy
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 202-690-5560
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/Health Resources and Services Administration manages several grant programs directed at States and localities for ensuring access to, and improving the quality of, healthcare and other support services for people affected by HIV disease, especially those who would otherwise be unable to receive care. These programs include the following:

Funding to eligible metropolitan areas hardest hit by the HIV/AIDS epidemic (Title I). Eligible metropolitan areas receive formula funding determined by the seriousness of the epidemic and are eligible to compete for supplementary funding.

Formula funding to States and territories to improve the quality, availability, and organization of healthcare and support services for people living with HIV disease (Title II). Title II also includes the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, which funds efforts to make new and existing drug therapies available to people living with HIV in every State and territory.

Competitive funding to public and private nonprofit entities for outpatient early intervention and primary care services (Title III). Grants are made to community health centers/migrant health centers, hospitals, city and county health departments, family planning clinics, and programs for the homeless. Funds may be used for a variety of activities including HIV testing, risk-reduction counseling, partner involvement in risk reduction, transmission prevention, and clinical care.

Funding to public and private nonprofit entities for demonstration projects to coordinate services and provide enhanced access to research for children, youth, women, and families (Title IV).

Support for the Special Projects of National Significance program, which includes the development and assessment of innovative service delivery models; the Dental Reimbursement Program, which provides retroactive funding for dental schools that provide services to people living with AIDS during the previous year; and AIDS Education and Training Centers, which train health professionals to provide care to people living with HIV.

Local organizations may contact their State and local health departments to learn whether they are eligible for any of these Federal funds and, if so, how they may be used to support community programs.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.808 billion for FY 2001.

State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)

Program Description/Activities: This initiative reaches uninsured children, many of whom come from working families with incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid but too low to afford private health insurance. The SCHIP statute gives States three options in developing programs: create a freestanding children's health insurance program, expand the existing Medicaid program in place in the State, or develop a combination of the two approaches. States receive Federal matching funds at an "enhanced" rate for those children who are covered under Title XXI. This rate is established in proportion to the States' Medicaid matching rate. States are able to use part of their Federal funds to expand outreach and ensure that all children eligible for Medicaid and the new SCHIP program are enrolled. The program requires that States use this new funding to cover uninsured children and not as a replacement for existing health coverage. The program also includes important cost-sharing protections so that families will not be burdened with out-of-pocket expenses they cannot afford.

Grant/Award Amount: SCHIP was created in the bipartisan Balanced Budget Act of 1997; \$24 billion was appropriated over 5 years and \$40 billion over 10 years.

State Incentive Cooperative Agreements for Community-Based Action

Program Description/Activities: This competitive grant program, also known as State Incentive Grants (SIGs), provides funds to State Governors for coordinating, leveraging, and/or redirecting, as appropriate, all Federal and State substance abuse prevention resources. Recipient States use these grant funds to develop and implement revitalized, comprehensive statewide strategies aimed at reducing youth drug use by identifying and filling gaps in prevention efforts targeted at youth, females, schools, and workplaces. States are to use 85 percent of the funds to directly fund subrecipient communities (identified by the States) to implement promising prevention efforts derived from sound scientific research findings. Eligibility for these competitive subrecipient grants is determined by the Office of the Governor of each State that receives a SIG.

Five States that received funding in FY 1997 are implementing their subrecipient programs. An additional 14 states were awarded SIG funding in FY 1998: Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, and Washington. An additional two States (Illinois and Kansas) were awarded funding in FY 1999. Organizations in those States may contact their Governor's office to learn more about their State's individual projects and the SIG program.

Grant/Award Amount: Approximately \$58.6 million available to support 18 awards in FY 2001. Approximate average award amount was \$2.5 million per State per year for 3 years.

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Health Care Financing Administration
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services

Phone: 410-786-0587. Each State has its own program; a nationwide toll-free number directs callers to their State enrollment centers: 877-KIDS NOW
Web site: www.insurekidsnow.gov

Related Categories:

Community Building, Human Services and Family Support, Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

Center for Substance Abuse Prevention
Division of State and Community Systems
Development
Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 301-443-0369
Web site: www.samhsa.gov

Substance Abuse Prevention and HIV Prevention Among Youth and Women of Color

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Center for Substance Abuse Prevention
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
Administration
U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services
Phone: 301-443-0365
Web site: www.samhsa.gov

Program Description/Activities: This targeted capacity expansion program funds cooperative agreements that increase community capacity to provide integrated/cross-trained substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention services for at-risk African-American, Hispanic/Latino(a), and other racial/ethnic minority youth, and for African-American, Hispanic/Latina, and other racial/ethnic minority women and their children. (Targeted capacity expansion programs address service gaps or emerging problems.)

The program has three specific purposes: 1) increase capacity of racial/ethnic communities to meet needs related to substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention, 2) assist community-based services in documenting and assessing effectiveness and efficiency of implemented interventions; and 3) facilitate dissemination of results from appropriate interventions to improve provider practice.

Grant/Award Amount: \$32.1 million for FY 2001.

Summer Food Service Program

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Child Nutrition Division
Food and Nutrition Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 703-305-2286
Web site: www.usda.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides free, nutritious meals to low-income children during long school vacations. Children age 18 years and under and individuals over age 18 who are mentally or physically disabled may participate. Sponsors receive reimbursement for meals served at approved sites. For more information about this program, organizations should contact their State department of education or State government.

Targeted Capacity Expansion Program for Substance Abuse Treatment and HIV/AIDS

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and
Drug Information
U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services
Phone: 800-729-6686
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program funds grants to enhance and expand substance abuse treatment and services related to HIV/AIDS in African-American, Hispanic/Latino(a), and other racial/ethnic minority communities significantly affected by the parallel epidemics of substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. This program seeks to address gaps in substance abuse treatment capacity and increase the accessibility and availability of treatment for substance abuse and HIV/AIDS-related illnesses (including sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and hepatitis B and C).

Applications may be submitted by public and domestic private nonprofit and for-profit entities such as units of State or local governments and grassroots and/or community-based organizations.

Grant/Award Amount: \$11 million for FY 2001. Awards are expected to range from \$100,000 to \$600,000.

Housing and Homelessness

Continuum of Care is a comprehensive approach to helping individuals and families move from homelessness to independence and self-sufficiency. Understanding that homeless persons have varying needs, Continuum of Care provides a continuum of services that allows individuals to move from emergency shelters to transitional housing, then to permanent housing. Along the way, individuals in need of counseling and supportive services, job training, and other social services are provided with these opportunities so that the root causes of homelessness are addressed. Funding for Continuum of Care approaches is provided through three competitive programs (described in detail below): the Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy (SRO) program, Shelter Plus Care (S+C), and the Supportive Housing Program (SHP). In addition to the programs in the SuperNOFA, Continuum of Care is also supported through one formula grant program: the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program.

Continuum of Care for Homeless Individuals—Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Program

Program Description/Activities: The Section 8 program provides rental assistance on behalf of homeless individuals in connection with the moderate rehabilitation of SRO dwellings. Resources to fund the cost of rehabilitating the dwellings must come from other sources. However, the rental assistance covers operating expenses of the SRO housing—including debt service for rehabilitation financing—provided the monthly rental assistance per unit does not exceed the moderate rehabilitation fair-market rent for an SRO unit as established by HUD.

Program/Agency Contact:

U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-1234
Web site: www.hud.gov/cpd/sro.html

Continuum of Care—Shelter Plus Care (S+C)

Program Description/Activities: S+C awards competitive grants on behalf of disabled homeless families and individuals through four component programs: tenant-based rental assistance, in which participants reside in housing of their choice; sponsor-based rental assistance, which provides rental assistance through contracts with sponsor organizations; project-based rental assistance, which provides rental assistance through contracts between the grant recipient and owners of existing structures; and SRO for homeless individuals, which provides rental assistance in connection with the moderate rehabilitation of SRO housing units.

Related Categories:

Health, Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Special Needs Assistance Programs
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-1234
Web site: www.hud.gov/cpd/s+c.html

Continuum of Care—Supportive Housing Program (SHP)

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

State Assistance Division
Special Needs Assistance Programs
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-2140
Web site: www.hud.gov/cpd/shp.html

Program Description/Activities: SHP promotes development of supportive housing and supportive services to assist homeless persons in the transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Funds may be used to provide transitional housing, permanent housing for persons with disabilities, innovative supportive housing, supportive services, and safe havens. Supportive services include childcare, employment assistance, case management, help in getting permanent housing, nutritional counseling, and help in obtaining other assistance. Providers may use SHP to fund some of the day-to-day operating expenses of homeless facilities and for administrative expenses.

Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants

Related Category:

Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Multifamily Housing Processing Division
Rural Housing Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-720-1624
Web site: www.rurdev.usda.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides insured loans or project grants to provide decent, safe, and sanitary low-rent housing and related facilities for domestic farm laborers. Loans are available to farmers, family farm partnerships, family farm corporations, or associations of farms. Loans and grants are available to States and U.S. territories, political subdivisions of States, public or private nonprofit organizations or any limited partnership in which the general partner is a nonprofit entity, federally recognized Indian tribes, and nonprofit corporations of farmworkers. Grants are awarded only when there is a pressing need and when it is doubtful that such facilities could be provided without grant assistance.

Grant/Award Amount: \$26.5 million in loans, \$15 million in grants in FY 2001.

HOME Investment Partnerships

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Program Policy Division
Office of Affordable Housing Programs
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-2470
Web site: www.hud.gov/progdesc/home1a.cfm

Program Description/Activities: HOME provides grants to States and units of local government to implement local housing strategies designed to increase homeownership and affordable housing opportunities for low-income people. Eligible uses of funds include tenant-based assistance, housing rehabilitation, and new construction assistance to first-time homebuyers.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.7 billion for FY 2001.

Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)

Related Categories:

Health, Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of HIV/AIDS Housing
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-1934
Web site: www.hud.gov/cpd/hopwahom.html

Program Description/Activities: This program provides funding to State and local governments for housing assistance and supportive services for low-income people with HIV/AIDS and their families. Eligible activities include acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of housing units; costs for operation and maintenance of facilities and community residences; and rental assistance and short-term payments to prevent homelessness. HOPWA funds may also be used for services such as healthcare and mental health services; drug and alcohol abuse treatment

and counseling; intensive care, when required; nutritional services; case management assistance with daily living; housing information; and placement services.

Grant/Award Amount: \$229.372 million by formula allocation to 71 cities and 34 States. \$25.542 million for FY 2001 Competitive Awards through HUDs SuperNOFA, with up to \$1.2 million per grantee, plus up to 3 percent for grantee administrative costs and 7 percent for project sponsors. Additionally, up to \$50,000 in data collection funding may be requested.

Funds are allocated by formula (90 percent) and by national competition (10 percent). In 2001 technical assistance was authorized for up to 1 percent of the appropriation.

Multifamily Housing and Health Care Facilities Mortgage Insurance Programs

Program Description/Activities: The Federal Housing Administration (FHA), part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), provides mortgage insurance programs that make capital available for, and facilitate the development of, multifamily rental housing and healthcare facilities. FHA insures loans that are originated by private, HUD-approved lenders. Project sponsors are responsible for finding a HUD-approved lender to write the loan and for submitting an application for commitment to the local HUD office.

Sections 221(d)(3) and (4) of the National Housing Act insure mortgages for the development of multifamily rental properties through new construction or substantial rehabilitation. Section 221(d)(3) is used by nonprofit and cooperative sponsors; Section 221(d)(4) is used by profit-motivated sponsors. Section 223(f) facilitates the refinancing or purchase of rental housing that does not require substantial rehabilitation. Section 232 and Section 232/223(f) insure mortgages for the development and refinancing of nursing homes, intermediate care facilities, board-and-care homes, and assisted living facilities. Section 232 is used for new construction or substantial rehabilitation. Section 232/223(f) is used for purchasing or refinancing without substantial rehabilitation.

Related Categories:

Access to Capital, Health

Program/Agency Contact:

Multifamily Housing Programs
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-3000
Web site: www.hud.gov/fha/mfh/fhamfbus.html

Title V (Surplus Federal Property for Use To Assist the Homeless)

Program Description/Activities: Suitable Federal properties that are categorized as unutilized, underutilized, or surplus are made available to States, units of local government, and nonprofit organizations for use to assist the homeless. Properties can be used to provide shelter, services, or storage, or for other uses of benefit to the homeless. The program provides no funding, and the properties are made available on an "as is" basis.

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Special Needs Assistance Programs
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-1226
Web site: www.hud.gov/cpd/t5.html

Human Services and Family Support

Battered Women Shelters

Related Categories:

Health, Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Community Services
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 202-401-5529
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: These grants fund shelters and support services for victims of domestic violence and their dependents. Services include counseling, legal advocacy, emergency transportation, childcare, and referrals for medical assistance and other services.

Grant/Award Amount: Grants are distributed to each State based on population.

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)

Related Category:

Health

Program/Agency Contact:

Child Nutrition Division
Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 703-305-2286
Web site: www.fns.usda.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides grants to States to initiate and maintain nonprofit food service programs for children age 12 and younger enrolled in daycare centers and family daycare homes and for elderly or impaired adults enrolled in nonresidential daycare facilities. Local organizations receive reimbursement for healthy meals and snacks served in these facilities.

In addition, the CACFP provides cash reimbursement to help childcare centers and schools operating afterschool care programs serve snacks to children. To participate, a public or private nonprofit organization must operate an afterschool care program that provides children with regularly scheduled activities in an organized, structured, and supervised environment that includes educational or enrichment activities. Local organizations should contact their State government to learn more about how they may access funds from this program.

Grant/Award Amount: Entitlement program; no dollar cap.

Community-Based Family Resources and Support Grants

Related Categories:

Community Building, Education, Health,
Welfare to Work

Program/Agency Contact:

Office on Child Abuse and Neglect
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 202-205-0749
800-394-3366 (National Child Abuse
and Neglect Clearinghouse)
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program awards funds to States to develop, operate, expand, enhance, and foster the development of a continuum of child abuse prevention activities and family resources services through State and community-based public and private partnerships. Funds typically have been used to start up, maintain, and expand public information activities, and to provide parent information programs and prevention services that focus on positive parenting skills and foster an understanding of child development and child behavior.

Grant/Award Amount: \$32.8 million proposed for FY 2001.

Community Food and Nutrition

Program Description/Activities: This discretionary grant program awards grants to States, public agencies, and public and private nonprofit organizations to help them coordinate existing food-assistance resources, identify sponsors of child nutrition programs, and develop innovative approaches to meeting the nutrition needs of low-income people.

Grant/Award Amount: \$6.315 million for FY 2001; maximum amount per participant is \$50,000.

Related Category:
Health

Program/Agency Contact:
Office of Community Services
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 202-401-9333
Web site: www.acf.dhhs.gov

Community Food Projects Program

Program Description/Activities: This program offers grant support for the development of community food projects designed to meet the needs of low-income people; to increase the self-reliance of communities in providing for their needs; and to promote comprehensive responses to local food, farm, and nutrition issues. Grants are awarded to private, nonprofit applicants that have experience in the areas of community food work or job training and business development in low-income communities; demonstrate competency to implement a project; provide fiscal accountability and oversight; collect data; prepare reports and other appropriate documentation; and demonstrate a willingness to share information with researchers, practitioners, and other interested parties.

Grant/Award Amount: \$2.4 million. Individual projects can receive up to \$250,000 for up to 3 years.

Related Category:
Health

Program/Agency Contact:
Cooperative State Research, Education,
and Extension Service Administrator
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-401-1898
Web site: www.usda.gov

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

Program Description/Activities: This program provides States and Native American tribes with funds to support services and activities designed to reduce poverty. The funds are then distributed through a network of public and private agencies by the State. Approximately 1,400 community-based organizations and Native American tribes and tribal organizations administer CSBG services and activities. Grantees use funds to provide services and activities focused on employment, education, better use of available income, housing, childcare, nutrition, emergency services, and healthcare, and to support the administrative costs of local programs.

Grant/Award Amount: \$590 million for FY 2001.

Related Categories:
Education, Health, Housing and
Homelessness, Welfare to Work

Program/Agency Contact:
Office of Community Services
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 202-401-9344
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

The Eldercare Locator

Related Category:

Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

The Eldercare Locator
Administration on Aging
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 800-677-1116 (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.,
eastern time)
Web site: www.aoa.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Administration on Aging supports a nationwide toll-free information and assistance directory called The Eldercare Locator, which locates the appropriate area agency on aging to help an individual needing assistance. Older persons and caregivers can contact The Eldercare Locator by calling toll-free Monday through Friday. Callers to The Eldercare Locator can speak to a friendly, caring person who will help them reach the correct service agency. When contacting The Eldercare Locator, callers must have the address, ZIP Code, and county of residence of the person who needs assistance.

Federal Child Care Programs in Your Community

Related Category:

Education

Program/Agency Contact:

Public Buildings Service
U.S. General Services Administration
Phone: 202-264-8321
Web site: www.gsa.gov/pbs/centers/child/default.htm

Program Description/Activities: The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) operates more than 110 childcare centers in 32 States and the District of Columbia. GSA's ChildCare Operations Center of Expertise supports its national commitment to providing quality childcare as an essential component of a quality work environment. The center ensures that working families using childcare in GSA-managed space receive quality care for their children. The centers are open to both Federal and non-Federal employees and provide services ranging from drop-in emergency care to kindergarten and afterschool programs.

Head Start/Early Head Start

Related Categories:

Community Building, Education, Health,
Welfare to Work

Program/Agency Contact:

Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 202-205-8572
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program awards grants to local public and private nonprofit and for-profit agencies for comprehensive child development services for children and families. Intended primarily for low-income families, the program fosters the development of children and enables them to deal more effectively with both their present environment and later responsibilities in school and community life.

Head Start children receive comprehensive health services, including immunizations, physical and dental exams and treatment, and nutritional services. The Head Start program also emphasizes the significant involvement of parents in their children's development. Parents make progress toward their educational, literacy, and employment goals by training for jobs and working at Head Start sites.

The Early Head Start component addresses the mounting evidence that the years from birth to age 3 greatly influence children's growth and development. Early Head Start focuses on four cornerstones essential to high-quality programs: child development, family development, community building, and staff development.

Grant/Award Amount: \$6.2 billion for FY 2001.

Service Coordinator Program

Program Description/Activities: This program makes funds available to employ onsite social service coordinators and assistants in multifamily assisted housing developments. These people will coordinate services provided to elderly persons or persons with disabilities to make possible continued independent living.

Grant/Award Amount: \$25 million for FY 2001.

Related Category:

Housing and Homelessness

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Multifamily Housing Programs
U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development
Phone: 202-708-3944, ext. 2487
Web site: www.hud.gov

Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)

Program Description: Title XX, or SSBG, is administered to States by the Administration for Children and Families through a statute-based formula. Each State designs and administers its SSBG program to reduce or eliminate dependency; achieve or maintain self-sufficiency for families; help prevent neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children and adults; prevent or reduce inappropriate institutional care; and secure admission or referral to institutional care when other forms of care are not appropriate.

SSBG funding represents the Federal Government's partnership with States and local communities. The revenue assures the availability of social services to vulnerable communities, families, and children. Grant funds from the Title XX program are viewed as holding the Nation's human services network together.

The funds also increase State and local flexibility in managing Federal funds by enabling States to target populations that otherwise might not receive services needed to remain self-sufficient and economically independent. Activities supported with SSBG funds vary from State to State.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.72 billion for FY 2001.

Related Categories:

Health, Welfare to Work

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Community Services
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 202-401-2333
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Program Description/Activities: The WIC program uses formula grants to provide, at no cost, supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition education, and healthcare referrals to low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and post-partum women; infants; and children up to age 5 who are determined to be at nutritional risk. Local agencies are eligible to apply to deliver WIC program services if they serve a population of low-income women, infants, and children at nutritional risk and are a public or private nonprofit health or human services agency.

Grant/Award Amount: \$4.052 billion for FY 2001.

Related Category:

Health

Program/Agency Contact:

Director, Supplemental Food
Programs Division
Food and Nutrition Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 703-305-2746
Web site: www.fns.usda.gov/wic

Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant

Related Categories:

Community Building, Health, Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

Division of State and Community Assistance
Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 301-443-3820
Web site: www.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant program provides funds to States for substance abuse prevention activities and treatment services. The authorizing statute includes several expenditure and performance requirements to ensure that the single State authority for substance abuse prevention activities and treatment services expends the block grant funds through a network of public and private nonprofit entities. The statutory set-asides include 35 percent for prevention activities and treatment services.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.67 billion for FY 2001.

Transitional Living Program for Homeless Youth

Related Categories:

Health, Housing and Homelessness, Public Safety and Crime Prevention, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Family and Youth Services Bureau
U.S. Department of Health and
Human Services
Phone: 202-608-8098
Web site: www.acf.dhhs.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides grants to local and private organizations to address the shelter and service needs of homeless youth ages 12 to 21. Its goals are to have youth safe in appropriate alternative settings and to help them develop into independent, contributing members of society. A homeless youth accepted into the program is eligible to receive shelter and services continuously for up to 540 days (18 months). The services include counseling, life-skills training such as money management and housekeeping, interpersonal skill building such as decisionmaking and priority setting, educational advancement, job preparation and attainment, and mental and physical healthcare.

Grant/Award Amount: No funding available for FY 2001.

Infrastructure

Bicycle Transportation and Pedestrian Walkways

Program Description/Activities: This program provides assistance to State transportation agencies and metropolitan organizations to increase safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. Eligible projects may be on or off roads, but all must serve a transportation function. Bicycle Transportation and Pedestrian Walkways funding is available through various U.S. Department of Transportation programs.

Related Categories:

Environment, Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
Phone: 202-366-5007
Web site: www.fhwa.dot.gov

Community Facilities Direct Loan Program

Program Description/Activities: The Rural Housing Service makes direct loans to nonprofit and public entities for the construction of essential facilities. Most loans are made at below-market interest rates and are aimed at serving financially challenged rural areas. Allowed expenses include purchase of land needed for construction of facilities, necessary professional fees, and equipment and operating costs.

Grant/Award Amount: Approximately \$250 million for FY 2001.

Related Category:

Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Community Facilities Division
Rural Housing Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-720-1490
Web site: www.usda.gov

Community Facilities Grant Program

Program Description/Activities: The Community Facilities Grant Program typically is used to fund projects under special initiatives such as Native American community development efforts, childcare centers linked with the Federal Government's Welfare to Work initiative, federally designated Enterprise and Champion Communities, and the Northwest Economic Adjustment Initiative area.

Grant/Award Amount: \$9 million for FY 2001.

Related Category:

Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Community Facilities Division
Rural Housing Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-720-1490
Web site: www.usda.gov

Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program

Program Description/Activities: Through this program, the Rural Housing Service guarantees up to 90 percent of the amount of a loan from a private lender to a public or nonprofit entity to be used for the construction of an essential community facility. Many community borrowers in the Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program are able to leverage loan guarantees with funds from private, State, and local sources.

Grant/Award Amount: \$210 million for FY 2001.

Related Category:

Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Community Facilities Division
Rural Housing Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-720-1490
Web site: www.usda.gov

Commuter Choice Initiative

Related Category:

Environment

Program/Agency Contact:

Federal Transit Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
Phone: 202-366-1698
Web site: www.fta.dot.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Commuter Choice Initiative promotes a greater range of employer-provided commuting options designed to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, and allow employers to tailor transportation benefits to their individual employees' needs. Both public- and private-sector employers may provide transit passes or vouchers, vanpool services, or parking benefits to employees using either employer funds or employee pretax salary. Transit and vanpool benefits are limited to a combined maximum monthly tax-free amount of \$65. Parking is limited to \$175 per month, also tax free.

DOT Livability Initiative

Related Categories:

Community Building, Economic Development,
Environment

Program/Agency Contact:

U.S. Department of Transportation
Phone: 202-366-4822
Web site: www.dot.gov

Program Description/Activities: The Livability Initiative focuses on helping communities use comprehensive, community-based planning to create customer-friendly, community-oriented, well-designed transportation systems. Transportation projects are funded by various U.S. Department of Transportation programs together with various public and private partnerships and other Federal programs, and authorized by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21).

Job Access and Reverse Commute Program

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Welfare to Work,
Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Federal Transit Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
Phone: 202-366-1666
Web site: www.fta.dot.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program provides funding to help States and local organizations develop new or expanded transportation services that connect welfare recipients and other low-income people with jobs. States, local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, public transit agencies, tribal organizations, and nonprofit organizations are eligible for funds for the development of transportation services such as shuttles, vanpools, new bus routes, and "guaranteed ride home" programs for welfare recipients and other low-income people. Reverse Commute funds provide for transportation to and from suburban employment centers.

Grant/Award Amount: \$100 million for Job Access grants, including up to \$10 million for Reverse Commute projects. A 50-percent match is required.

Livable Communities

Program Description/Activities: This program helps communities get involved in planning and designing transit systems that are customer friendly, community oriented, and well designed. Awards are made to transit operators, metropolitan planning organizations, city and county governments, planning agencies, and other public bodies with authority to plan or construct transit. Eligible projects include planning pedestrian walkways and transit-oriented development; assessing environmental, social, economic, land use, and urban design impacts of projects; transit project feasibility studies; providing technical assistance; participation by community organizations and the business community; and evaluating best practices and developing innovative urban design, land use, and zoning practices. To find out more about the program, contact Federal Transit Administration regional offices.

Grant/Award Amount: Transit funds as well as Surface Transportation Program, Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot Program, and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds may be used for qualifying projects.

Related Categories:

Community Building, Economic Development, Environment, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Federal Transit Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
Phone: 202-366-5653
Web site: www.fta.dot.gov

Metropolitan Planning Process

Program Description/Activities: The Metropolitan Planning Process establishes a cooperative, continuous, and comprehensive framework for making transportation investment decisions in metropolitan areas. Planning supports the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, increases the safety and security of the transportation system, increases accessibility and mobility options, enhances integration and connectivity of the transportation system, promotes efficient system management and operation, and emphasizes the preservation of the existing transportation system.

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Environment, Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
Phone: 202-366-4066
Web site: www.fhwa.dot.gov

Surface Transportation Program (STP)

Program Description/Activities: STP provides flexible funding to States and localities for projects on any Federal-aid highway, including the National Highway System; bridge projects on any public road, transit capital projects; and intracity and intercity bus terminals and facilities. Eligible projects include environmental restoration and pollution abatement projects, natural habitat mitigation, intercity passenger bus services, modification of existing sidewalks, and capital improvements. Proposed projects should be submitted to State transportation departments for consideration.

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Environment

Program/Agency Contact:

Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
Phone: 202-366-4066
Web site: www.fhwa.dot.gov

Transit Capital Grants

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Environment

Program/Agency Contact:

Federal Transit Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
Phone: 202-366-2053
Web site: www.fta.dot.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program funds new rail or bus systems, improvements to or maintenance of existing rail and other fixed guideway systems, and bus system upgrading. Public agencies receiving funds may buy buses, construct bus facilities, modernize rail systems and stations, and make various safety-related improvements. Contact Federal Transit Administration regional offices for more information.

Grant/Award Amount: \$574 million for buses, \$1.048 billion for fixed guideway modernization projects, and \$1.079 billion for New Start projects in FY 2001.

Transportation Analysis and Simulation System (TRANSIMS) in Washington, D.C.

Related Category:

Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
Phone: 202-366-5843
Web site: www.fhwa.dot.gov

Program Description/Activities: TRANSIMS is an advanced software package that will allow local planning agencies to simulate the movement of individuals and vehicles in an entire metropolitan region. The Los Alamos National Laboratory is researching and developing the software. A limited number of State and local planning agencies responsible for regional travel forecasting will receive implementation funds to convert from present travel forecasting methods to TRANSIMS. Information on how to apply for implementation funds may be obtained from Bob Radics of the Federal Highway Administration Southern Support Center at 404-562-3692.

Grant/Award Amount: \$22 million for FY 1999 to FY 2003.

Transportation and Community and System Preservation Pilot

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Environment

Program/Agency Contact:

Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
Phone: 202-366-0106
Web site: www.fhwa.dot.gov

Program Description/Activities: This pilot program will help States and communities develop strategies that improve the efficiency of their transportation systems, minimize environmental impacts of transportation, and reduce the need for costly public infrastructure investments such as building major new urban highways or rail systems. States, metropolitan planning organizations, city and county governments, planning agencies, and other public bodies are eligible to apply for funding. Nonprofit, community, and civic organizations cannot apply directly for funds but can participate as partners. Funds may be used for planning or building any project currently eligible for funding under Federal highway or transit programs. They also may be used for activities that study relationships among transportation, communities, and system preservation.

Grant/Award Amount: \$50 million for FY 2001.

Transportation Enhancements (TEs)

Program Description/Activities: This program focuses on enhancing the travel experience and fostering the quality of life in American communities. The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) required States to reserve 10 percent of their surface transportation funding for designated transportation enhancement activities that help communities attain social, cultural, aesthetic, economic, and environmental goals.

This program provides funding for sidewalks and bike facilities and the conversion of abandoned railroad rights-of-way to trails. Communities also may revitalize local and regional economies by restoring historic buildings; renovating streetscapes; providing transportation museums and visitor centers; or acquiring, restoring, and preserving scenic areas.

TE projects must be 1 of 12 activities defined in the law and must relate to surface transportation. This program strongly encourages partnerships with State and local officials and citizen interest groups to improve service delivery. Contact your State TE coordinator to discuss specific eligibility practices in your State.

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Environment, Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Human Environment
Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
Phone: 202-366-9629
Web site: www.fhwa.org

Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program

Program Description/Activities: The Urbanized Area Formula Grants Program provides funding for transit capital projects (such as buses) and assistance for operating expenses to urbanized areas with populations of 50,000 or more. Funds are apportioned by a formula based on population, population density, and other factors associated with transit service and ridership. Applications for funding should be made to Federal Transit Administration regional offices.

Grant/Award Amount: \$3.34 billion for FY 2001.

Related Category:

Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Federal Transit Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
Phone: 202-366-2053
Web site: www.fta.dot.gov

Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Boys and Girls (B&G) Clubs

Related Categories:

Community Building, Education, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Boys and Girls Clubs of America
Phone: 404-487-5748

Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 202-616-3215

Web site: www.ojp.usdoj.gov or
www.bgca.org

Program Description/Activities: B&G Clubs help youth develop the qualities needed to become responsible citizens and leaders through a nationwide affiliation of local clubs and B&G Clubs of America. Their mission is to create positive partnerships between concerned adults and disadvantaged young people; between B&G Clubs and their supporters; and between the national organization and local clubs. The Bureau of Justice Assistance provides funding to the B&G Clubs of America to establish new clubs or enhance existing clubs in public housing and other at-risk communities.

Bureau of Justice Assistance Byrne Discretionary Grant Program

Related Categories:

Community Building, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 202-616-6500

Web site: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bja

Program Description/Activities: Discretionary grant funds are available for demonstration programs, training, technical assistance, national programs to reduce and prevent crime and violence, and criminal justice system improvements at State and local levels.

Bureau of Justice Assistance Community Justice Assistance Center

Related Categories:

Community Building, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 202-616-6500

Web site: www.ojp.usdoj.gov

Center for Court Innovation

Phone: 212-373-8098

Web site: www.communitycourts.org

Program Description/Activities: The Community Justice Assistance Center project at the Center for Court Innovation seeks to increase awareness by criminal justice professionals about community courts and to promote the importance of court/community collaborations.

Bureau of Justice Assistance Local Law Enforcement Block Grants

Program Description/Activities: The Bureau of Justice Assistance administers block grants to units of local government to reduce crime and enhance public safety through hiring, training, procuring equipment, and acquiring technology and other material directly related to basic law enforcement functions; to enhance security measures in and around schools and in and around any other facility or location at risk for incidents of crime; to establish a multijurisdictional task force composed of law enforcement officials to prevent and control crime; and to establish crime prevention programs involving cooperation between community residents and law enforcement personnel to control, detect, or investigate crime or the prosecution of criminals.

Grant/Award Amount: \$523 million for FY 2001.

Related Categories:
Education, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:
Local and State Assistance Division
Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 202-616-6500 or 800-446-0912
Web site: www.ojp.usdoj.gov
Center for Court Innovation
Phone: 212-373-8098
Web site: www.communitycourts.org

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office

Program Description/Activities: COPS implements programs to advance community policing and assist local law enforcement.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.037 billion for FY 2001.

Related Category:
Community Building

Program/Agency Contact:
Drug Courts Program Office
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 202-616-9429
Web site: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/cops/index.html

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.)

Program Description/Activities: D.A.R.E. is a drug- and violence-prevention education program designed to equip elementary, middle, and high school students with the appropriate life skills to aid them in decisionmaking. The Bureau of Justice Assistance supports five D.A.R.E. Regional Training Centers that have trained or assisted in training more than 20,000 law enforcement officers. Southwest 602-223-2544; West 213-485-4856; Midwest 573-526-3273; East 804-674-2238; and Southeast 919-662-4500.

Related Categories:
Education, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:
National Program Division
Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 202-616-6500
Web site: www.dare-america.com

Drug Courts Program Office, Office of Justice Programs (OJP)

Program Description/Activities: OJP administers the discretionary Drug Courts grant program to plan, establish, or enhance State and local drug courts that provide specialized treatment and rehabilitation for certain nonviolent substance-abusing offenders. Programs offer continuing judicial supervision of nonviolent offenders and integrated administration of other sanctions and services, including mandatory periodic testing for the use of controlled and other addictive substances during any period of supervised release or probation; substance abuse treatment;

Related Category:
Community Building

Program/Agency Contact:
Drug Courts Program Office
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 202-616-5001
Web site: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/dcpo

diversion to a program before a conviction, probation, or other supervised release involving the possibility of prosecution, confinement, or incarceration based on noncompliance with program requirements or failure to show satisfactory progress; offender management specific to the Drug Courts program; and aftercare services.

Grant/Award Amount: \$50 million for FY 2001. Approximately \$30,000 for each planning grant, \$400,000 for implementation grants, and \$300,000 for enhancement grants.

Drug Free Communities Program

Related Categories:

Community Building, Education

Program Agency/Contact:

Office of National Drug Control Policy
Executive Office of the President
Phone: 800-666-3332

Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse
Phone: 800-638-8736

(8:30 a.m.–7 p.m., eastern time)

Web site: www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov
or www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org

Program Description/Activities: The Drug Free Communities Program is designed to strengthen community antidrug coalitions and reduce substance abuse among youth. Grants are awarded to community coalitions that have worked together on substance abuse prevention initiatives for at least 6 months, have a principal mission of reducing substance abuse, and involve volunteer community leaders. Funds for community antidrug coalitions are administered by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Grant/Award Amount: Up to \$38.7 million in new and continuation grants in FY 2001.

Executive Office for Weed and Seed (EOWS)

Related Categories:

Community Building, Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Executive Office for Weed and Seed
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 202-616-1152
Web site: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/eows/

Program Description/Activities: EOWS is a comprehensive, multi-agency approach to combating violent crime, drug use, and gang activity and coordinating efforts to revitalize distressed neighborhoods and to leverage significant private and local, State, and Federal resources. The U.S. Department of Justice officially recognizes sites that implement a Weed and Seed strategy with their own resources. EOWS provides technical assistance to Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities to implement Weed and Seed strategies. Safe Havens—established under EOWS—provides an integrated array of social services and activities for youth and their families in safe settings.

Grant/Award Amount: \$34 million appropriated for FY 2001. Asset forfeiture fund surplus requested for FY 2001 is \$15.5 million.

National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC)

Program Description/Activities: NCPC seeks to prevent crime and build safer, more caring communities. NCPC manages the McGruff “take a bite out of crime” public service advertising campaign and aspects of the National Citizens’ Crime Prevention Campaign. NCPC also provides comprehensive crime prevention technical assistance and training to communities, develops and implements innovative youth development programs, runs drug abuse and crime prevention demonstration programs, and disseminates information on crime prevention practices. This nonprofit organization receives funding through the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Related Categories:

Community Building, Education, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Bureau of Justice Assistance

U.S. Department of Justice

Phone: 202-616-6500

National Crime Prevention Council

Phone: 202-466-6272

Web site: www.ncpc.org

Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)

Program Description/Activities: OVC conducts victim services training and technical assistance. Two technical assistance programs may be requested. The first, OVC’s Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC), identifies experts from professional disciplines and contracts with them to provide effective, high-quality training and short-term technical assistance to communities. TTAC is brought onsite to offer expertise on a wide range of victim-related topics, including victimization trauma, crisis response team training, advocacy for victims in the criminal justice system, crime victim compensation programs, domestic violence, sexual assault, and underserved victim populations.

The second program offers training, technical assistance, and demonstration grants to expand the capacity of the criminal justice system and related organizations to assist crime victims. Discretionary initiatives include grants to identify promising practices, produce training and technical assistance materials for selected professionals, launch regional topics or train-the-trainer seminars and training events, and create demonstration projects that act as laboratories for communities wishing to initiate similar programs.

Related Categories:

Community Building, Human Services and Family Support, Technical Assistance

Program/Agency Contact:

Office for Victims of Crime

U.S. Department of Justice

Phone: 202-307-5983

OVC Clearinghouse

Phone: 800-627-6872

Web site: www.usdoj.gov

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Discretionary Grant Program

Program Description/Activities: The Discretionary Grant Program covers activities and priorities as outlined and authorized by Parts C and D of Title II of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program Act. OJJDP focuses its assistance on the development and implementation of programs that have the greatest potential for reducing juvenile delinquency and improving the juvenile justice system by establishing partnerships with State and local governments, Native American and Native Alaskan jurisdictions, and public and private agencies and organizations. Examples of programs include SafeFutures—Partnerships to Reduce Youth Violence and Delinquency; Community Assessment Centers;

Related Categories:

Community Building, Education, Technical Assistance, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse

Phone: 800-638-8736

(8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m., eastern time)

Web site: www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org

Comprehensive Community-Wide Approach to Gang Prevention, Intervention, and Suppression Program; National Youth Gang Center; Risk Reduction via Promotion of Youth Development; TeenSupreme Career Preparation Initiative; and Safe Kids/Safe Streets: Community Approaches To Reducing Abuse and Neglect and Preventing Delinquency.

Grant/Award Amount: Part C: \$51.137 million for FY 2001; Part D: \$11.973 million for FY 2001.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Discretionary Grant Program—Drug Prevention

Related Category:
Education

Program/Agency Contact:
Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse
Phone: 800-638-8736
(8:30 a.m.–7 p.m., eastern time)
Web site: www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org

Program Description/Activities: Discretionary grant funds are used to develop, demonstrate, and test programs to increase the awareness of children and youth about the dangers of drug use.

Grant/Award Amount: \$10.986 million for FY 2001.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Discretionary Grant Program—Innovative Approaches to Law-Related Education (LRE)

Related Category:
Education

Program/Agency Contact:
Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse
Phone: 800-638-8736
(8:30 a.m.–7 p.m., eastern time)
Web site: www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org

Program Description/Activities: This program will support and advance the practice of LRE for the prevention of delinquency inside and outside the classroom. Funds support projects that promote innovative methods, techniques, approaches, or delivery of LRE.

Grant/Award Amount: Congress appropriated \$1.899 million for five grantees under this program in FY 2001.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Formula Grant Program

Related Categories:
Education, Health, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:
Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse
Phone: 800-638-8736
(8:30 a.m.–7 p.m., eastern time)
Web site: www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org

Program Description/Activities: This program supports grants through State advisory groups to units of local government for a broad range of delinquency prevention programs and activities to benefit youth who have had contact with the juvenile justice system. Services to children, youth, and families include recreation, tutoring and remedial education, work skills, health and mental health programs, alcohol and substance abuse prevention, leadership development, and accountability. Eligible units must be in compliance with OJJDP's Formula Grants Program, submit a 3-year plan both to the State and to the administrator, appoint a local policy board empowered to administer the local program, plan for coordination of services, and provide a 50-percent cash or in-kind match.

Grant/Award Amount: \$88.804 million for FY 2001.

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP)

Program Description/Activities: Congress has designated OJJDP for continuation and expansion of the JUMP. OJJDP makes discretionary grant awards to implement programs to reduce delinquency and gang participation, improve academic performance, and reduce dropout rates through the use of mentors who are paired with youth in high-crime areas.

Grant/Award Amount: \$15.964 million for FY 2001.

Related Category:

Education

Program/Agency Contact:

Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse

Phone: 800-638-8736

(8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., eastern time)

Web site: www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org

Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP)

Program Description/Activities: In 1999, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development began distributing all available PHDEP funding in a noncompetitive manner through the use of formulas to public housing authorities and tribally designated housing entities to fight drug-related and violent crime in and around public housing. Housing agencies must develop yearly PHDEP plans detailing their drug elimination activities. Eligible activities include employment of security personnel, housing authority police, and investigators; implementation of physical improvements to enhance security; voluntary tenant patrols; and prevention, intervention, and treatment programs to reduce the use of drugs.

Grant/Award Amount: \$249.9 million for FY 2001.

Related Category:

Housing and Homelessness

Program/Agency Contact:

Community Safety and Conservation

Office of Public and Indian Housing

U.S. Department of Housing and

Urban Development

Phone: 202-708-1197

Web site: www.hud.gov/pih/programs/ph/de/programs/phdep.html

Rural Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Enforcement Assistance

Program Description/Activities: This grant program helps establish, expand, and implement cooperative efforts and projects among law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim advocacy groups, and other related parties to investigate and prosecute incidents of domestic violence and child abuse. Grants help rural communities provide treatment and counseling to victims of domestic violence and child abuse, and develop education and prevention strategies directed toward such issues.

Grant/Award Amount: Continuation funding only for FY 2001.

Related Category:

Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Violence Against Women Office

U.S. Department of Justice

Phone: 202-307-6026

Web site: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo

Related Category:

Community Building, Education, Health,
Infrastructure

Program/Agency Contact:

National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
Phone: 202-366-2121
Web site: [www.nhtsa.dot.gov/
safecommunities](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/safecommunities)

Safe Communities

Program Description/Activities: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration provides technical support and information to States and communities that want to develop transportation safety and injury prevention programs for their communities. Through this initiative communities develop strategic partnerships, examine local injury and cost data, involve ordinary citizens, and engage health/medical professionals. Communities should work with their respective State Governor's highway safety representative.

Grant/Award Amount: Approximately \$155 million for FY 2001.

Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative

Related Category:

Education

Program/Agency Contact:

Juvenile Justice Clearinghouse
U.S. Department of Justice
Phone: 800-638-8736
(8:30 a.m.–7 p.m., eastern time)
Web sites: www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SDFS
or www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org

Program Description/Activities: The U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Justice are collaborating on the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative, which will improve the safety of schools. Grants help provide enhanced comprehensive educational, mental health, social service, law enforcement, and—as appropriate—juvenile justice system services that promote healthy childhood development and prevent violence and alcohol and other drug abuse affecting students, schools, and communities. These services and activities target development of social skills and the emotional resilience necessary to avoid drug use and violent behaviors, and the establishment of school environments that are safe, disciplined, and drug free. Programs and services eligible for initiative funding must fall into one of six categories: school safety, alcohol and other drug and violence prevention and early intervention programs, school and community mental health preventive and treatment intervention services, early childhood psychosocial and emotional development programs, educational reform, and safe school policies. Awards are made to local educational agencies for up to 3 years.

Grant/Award Amount: \$14.9 million for FY 2001.

Technical Assistance

7(j) Management and Technical Assistance Program

Program Description/Activities: This program provides management and technical assistance to eligible individuals and small business clients. U.S. Small Business Administration 8(a)-certified firms, socially and economically disadvantaged people, businesses operating in areas of low income or high unemployment, and firms owned by low-income individuals are eligible for 7(j) assistance. The program offers firms, accounting services, feasibility studies, marketing/presentation analyses, advertising expertise, loan packaging, and proposal/bid preparation. Other specialized management training and technical services such as executive education training, distance learning, and other educational services are available to program participants.

Related Categories:

Business Assistance, Education

Program/Agency Contact:

Minority Enterprise Development
U.S. Small Business Administration
Phone: 202-205-6423
Web site: www.sba.gov

Certified Local Government (CLG)

Program Description/Activities: Local governments strengthen their local historic preservation efforts by achieving CLG status from the National Park Service (NPS). NPS and State governments, through their State historic preservation offices (SHPOs), provide technical assistance and small matching grants to hundreds of diverse communities where local governments are endeavoring to preserve their communities' past. In turn, NPS and States acquire local government partnerships in the national historic preservation program. Participants in the CLG program also have access to matching grant funds SHPOs set aside to fund CLG historic preservation subgrant projects.

Related Category:

Community Building

Program/Agency Contact:

Heritage Preservation Services
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Phone: 202-343-6005
Web site: www2.cr.nps.gov/clg/clg_t.htm

Grant/Award Amount: \$4.6 million for FY 2001.

Clean Cities

Program Description/Activities: Clean Cities is a locally based government and industry partnership coordinated by the U.S. Department of Energy that promotes the use of alternatives to conventional gasoline and diesel fuel. The program focuses and coordinates the activities of both public- and private-sector proponents of alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) by providing them with a forum to discover common ground, collaborate on public policy, investigate opportunities for joint projects, avoid unnecessary conflicts, leverage scarce resources, and cooperate on promoting the benefits of AFVs in their communities. Clean Cities creates an effective plan, carried out at the local level, for creating a sustainable, nationwide alternative fuels market.

Related Categories:

Environment, Infrastructure, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Energy Efficiency and
Renewable Energy
Office of Transportation Technologies
U.S. Department of Energy
Phone: 202-586-1573
Web site: www.ccities.doe.gov

Computers for Learning

Related Category:

Education

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Governmentwide Policy
U.S. General Services Administration
Phone: 202-501-3846
Web site: www.computers.fed.gov

Program Description/Activities: This program directs agencies to transfer computers and related tools directly to eligible schools and educational nonprofit organizations. The program also encourages Federal employees to volunteer their time and expertise to assist teachers and connect computers and technologies to classrooms. Federal agencies acquire equipment, transfer equipment under established procedures for property transfers, identify eligible recipients, and arrange for transferring equipment and help potential donors.

Consumer Information Catalog and List of Federal Publications in Spanish

Program/Agency Contact:

Consumer Information Catalog
U.S. General Services Administration
Phone: 888-878-3256
Web site: www.pueblo.gsa.gov

Program Description/Activities: Free Federal consumer booklets on subjects such as food and nutrition, money, employment, Federal benefits, children, housing, and health are available by writing to the distributing agency or by calling the toll-free number.

Economic Development Administration Research and National Technical Assistance Program

Related Category:

Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Research and Technical Assistance Division
U.S. Department of Commerce
Phone: 202-482-4085
Web site: www.doc.gov

Program Description/Activities: Grants awarded under this program support studies and other activities undertaken by nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher learning, for-profit firms, and private individuals. Such studies and activities are intended to contribute to a comprehensive base of information about economic development issues; disseminate information to local, State, and regional economic development practitioners; and measure the performance of economic development programs.

Funded proposals include economic impact analyses and measurement; surveys of best practices in economic development tools; newsletters and reports on new developments and success stories in rural and urban economic development; and demonstrations of national significance in areas such as regional cooperation, improving competitiveness, better use of private capital, financial intermediaries, export development, technology infrastructure, and sustainable development.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.6 million for FY 2001.

Federal Real Property for Public or Private Use

Program Description/Activities: State and local governments and eligible nonprofit organizations may acquire real estate that the Federal Government is no longer using through a public benefit conveyance. Property can be purchased by eligible entities at reductions equal to 100 percent of the fair market value. Surplus properties include land, office buildings, warehouses, commercial and industrial facilities, airfields, former Post Offices, farms, and single- and multifamily residences. State and local public agencies are notified of the availability of surplus Federal property that they may be eligible to acquire, including public health or educational facilities, unused public buildings for homeless assistance, public parks or recreational areas, historic monuments, correctional institutions, port facilities, public airports, and wildlife conservation areas.

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Education, Environment, Health, Housing and Homelessness, Infrastructure, Public Safety and Crime Prevention

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Property Disposal
U.S. General Services Administration
Phone: 202-501-0084
Real Property Sales List
U.S. General Services Administration
Phone: 800-776-7872
Web site: www.gsa.gov/pbs/pr/prhome.htm

Local Technical Assistance Program

Program Description/Activities: These grants assist communities in solving specific economic development problems, responding to developmental opportunities, and building and expanding local organizational capacity in distressed areas. In responding to specific problems and opportunities, a local economic development organization might focus on military base and industrial plant closures, deteriorating commercial districts, and technical or market feasibility studies. Eligible applicants include public or private nonprofit national, State, area, district, or local organizations; public and private colleges and universities; Native American tribes; local governments; and State agencies.

Grant/Award Amount: \$9.8 million for FY 2001.

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Equal Opportunity

Program/Agency Contact:

Planning and Development
Assistance Division
U.S. Department of Commerce
Phone: 202-482-2873
Web site: www.doc.gov

Minigrants and Technical Assistance for Appalachian Communities

Program Description/Activities: The Appalachian Regional Commission makes funds available and provides technical assistance to Appalachian communities undertaking the Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community application and strategic planning processes.

Related Categories:

Community Building, Economic Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Appalachian Regional Commission
Phone: 202-884-7713
Web site: www.arc.gov

Technical Assistance for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority Institutions (MIs) Including Tribal Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions, and Other Minority Institutions

Related Categories:

Education, Equal Opportunity

Program/Agency Contact:

U.S. Department of Defense

Phone: 703-588-8622

Web site: www.acq.osd.mil/sadbu

Program Description/Activities: The U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) Technical Assistance program for HBCUs/MIs assures orderly transfer of information so these institutions may participate fully in a wide variety of contract opportunities to fulfill defense needs in research, study, and analysis. DoD assists these institutions with organization, programs, and activities; requirements generation; missions and responsibilities; programming and budget; current initiatives such as outsourcing, privatization, and contract consolidation; and procurement procedures and preparation of proposals.

Technical Assistance on Ports and Intermodal Development

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Environment, Infrastructure

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Ports and Domestic Shipping

U.S. Maritime Administration

U.S. Department of Transportation

Phone: 202-366-4357

Web site: marad.dot.gov

Program Description/Activities: Technical assistance and advice are provided to Federal, State, and local government agencies; port authorities; and private-sector marine transportation companies on issues relating to port and intermodal development and related environmental concerns. Port activities covered include analysis of issues associated with the adequacy and condition of U.S. ports; planning, development, and operation requirements; economic importance and development; physical security; and financial requirements. Intermodal activities include improving transportation affecting landside access (rail and highway) to marine facilities and reducing congestion and air pollution. Assistance also is available on the impact of dredging, vessel scraping, and pollution from ships related to ports, shipping, and shipyards; recommendations that enhance environmental protection in the maritime industry; and compliance with national and international standards for prevention of marine pollution.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Smart Growth Network

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Environment

Program/Agency Contact:

Smart Growth Network

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Phone: 202-260-2750

Web site: www.smartgrowth.org

Program Description/Activities: EPA's contribution to "smarter growth" is offered through the Smart Growth Network. Assistance includes technical and modeling aid to encourage more compact, pedestrian-oriented development and help realize the environmental benefits that come from achieving a more balanced pattern of growth. Other offerings include workshops on infill redevelopment; connection to a network of local officials, architects, developers, conservationists, State officials, community development organizations, and environmentalists; fiscal impact and land-use modeling of new or redevelopment; building deconstruction as an alternative to building demolition; and modeling the air-quality benefits of infill.

Welfare to Work

Welfare-to-Work Grants

Program Description/Activities: Welfare-to-Work Grants awarded to States and local communities provide transitional assistance designed to move the hardest-to-employ recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) into unsubsidized jobs that provide career potential for achieving economic self-sufficiency. Seventy-five percent of the formula grant funds will be allocated to States based on a formula that considers States' shares of the national number of poor individuals and adult recipients of TANF. States are required to pass 85 percent of the money to local private industry councils (PICs) that oversee and guide job-training programs in local geographical jurisdictions. Remaining funds are used for competitive grants awarded directly to local governments, PICs, and private entities. Special consideration is given to Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community applicants.

Related Category:

Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Welfare to Work
Employment and Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-219-0181, ext. 176
Web site: www.dol.gov

Welfare-to-Work Tax Credit

Program Description/Activities: The Welfare-to-Work (WtW) Tax Credit provides an incentive to hire individuals who are long-term family assistance recipients. To qualify for this tax credit, certified individuals must work at least 120 hours per year.

Grant/Award Amount: Maximum credit amount is \$3,500 in the first year and \$5,000 in the second year. Credit is equal to 35 percent of up to \$10,000 in wages paid during the first year and 50 percent of second year wages up to \$10,000.

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Workforce Development

Program/Agency Contact:

Employee Benefits and Exempt Organizations
Internal Revenue Service
U.S. Department of Treasury
Phone: 202-622-6060
Web site: www.irs.ustreas.gov

Workforce Development

Adult Employment and Training Program, Workforce Investment Act, Title I

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Adult Services
Employment and Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-693-3580
Web site: www.doleta.gov/programs/adtrain.asp

Program Description/Activities: Job-search and job-placement assistance, career counseling, basic assessment of one's skills and needs, and followup services are available. In most local areas, priority for more intensive services is given to low-wage workers, welfare recipients, and workers who have lost their jobs. Case workers develop an individually tailored employment plan and closely follow each individual's progress toward finding a job and attaining self-sufficiency. If an individual is unable to find employment through intensive services, he or she may be eligible to receive training assistance.

Grant/Award Amount: \$950 million for FY 2001.

Disability Employment and Training Services, Workforce Investment Act and Wagner-Peyser Act

Related Category:

Education

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Adult Services
Employment and Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-693-3730
Web site: www.wdsc.org/disability

Program Description/Activities: Disability Employment grants support skills training, including computer-related skills, and employment assistance for people with disabilities. Work Incentive grants are awarded to local workforce investment boards to develop comprehensive approaches and coordinate programs to improve employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

Dislocated Worker Program, Workforce Investment Act

Related Category:

Education

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Adult Services
Employment and Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-693-3580
Web site: www.doleta.gov/layoff

Program Description/Activities: A variety of employment services, which are funded by grants awarded to States based on need, are available to workers who have been laid off due to plant closings or downsizing as well as to displaced homemakers. Core services include job-search and job-placement assistance and useful labor market information. Intensive services, including career counseling, comprehensive assessment of an individual's employability, and development of a personal employment plan, are available to dislocated workers unable to find jobs through core services. Occupational training linked to local job opportunities and supportive services—such as transportation and needs-related payments—are available to individuals who require new skills to become re-employed.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.6 billion for FY 2001.

Formula-Funded Youth Activities, Workforce Investment Act Title I, Subtitle B

Program Description/Activities: This program provides funding for States and local communities to help low-income youth between the ages of 14 and 21 acquire the educational and occupational skills, training, and support needed to achieve academic and employment success and successfully transition to careers and productive adulthood. At least 30 percent of formula funds must help out-of-school youth in local communities. Services, provided under the direction of local youth councils, include occupational skills training, summer employment opportunities, counseling, internships, job placements, mentoring, tutoring, other academic and vocational education, leadership development, and support services.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.1 billion for Program Year 2001.

Related Category:

Education

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Youth Services
Employment and Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-693-3528
Web site: www.doleta.gov/youth_services

High-Tech Skills Training, American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998

Program Description/Activities: High-technology skills training for occupations where workers are in demand is provided by grantees in communities throughout the Nation. These high-skill, high-wage occupations require at least a college degree or comparable experience. This program is intended to address skills shortages in the American workforce and was created as a component of a Federal program that allows employers to hire a limited number of temporary foreign workers.

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Policy and Research
Employment and Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-693-3700
Web site: www.doleta.gov/h-1b/

Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Project, Title 38, Chapter 41, U.S.C., Section 4111 Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act

Program Description/Activities: This project provides funds for demonstration programs to expedite the reintegration of homeless veterans into the labor force and assists eligible homeless veterans by providing employment, training, support, and transitional housing assistance.

Grant/Award Amount: \$17.5 million for FY 2001.

Related Categories:

Education, Housing and Homelessness

Program/Agency Contact:

Veterans Employment and Training Service
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-693-4731
Web site: www.dol.gov/dol/vets/

Indian and Native American Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Programs, Workforce Investment Act, Section 166

Related Categories:

Education, Equal Opportunity, Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of National Programs
Division of Indian and Native American Programs

Employment and Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-693-3840
Web site: www.wdsc.org/dinap

Program Description/Activities: This program provides employment and training services to Native Americans (including Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians) through classroom training, subsidized employment, and supportive services designed to increase the employability of participants. Grants are awarded to federally and State-recognized tribes, bands, or groups and private, nonprofit Native-controlled organizations and consortia.

Grant/Award Amount: \$55 million for FY 2001.

Job Corps, Workforce Investment Act Title I-C

Related Category:

Education

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Job Corps
Employment and Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-693-3000
Web site: www.jobcorps.org

Program Description/Activities: Job Corps is the Nation's largest residential training program for economically disadvantaged youth ages 16 through 24. Every year, Job Corps provides vocational, academic, and life-skills training to approximately 70,000 youth at 119 centers located in 46 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Job Corps students spend an average of 7 months (up to 2 years) learning reading, math, and employment skills. They also receive occupational training in more than 100 different fields, including construction, auto mechanics and repair, business and clerical services, retail sales, healthcare, computer services, and culinary arts.

Grant/Award Amount: \$1.4 billion for FY 2001.

Local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVER) Program and Disabled Veteran Outreach Program (DVOP), Title 38, Chapter 41, U.S.C., Sections 4102-4104

Related Categories:

Equal Opportunity, Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Veterans Employment and Training Service
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-693-4708
Web site: www.dol.gov/dol/vets/

Program Description/Activities: This program provides noncompetitive staffing grants allocated to States by legislated formula. The grants allow veterans employment representatives in the public employment service to serve disabled, recently separated, and Vietnam-era veterans as well as veterans with identified employment barriers. These representatives provide job development, placement, and support services.

Grant/Award Amount: \$159 million for FY 2001.

Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Programs, Workforce Investment Act, Section 167

Program Description/Activities: This program provides employment, training, and support services through public agencies and private non-profit organizations to alleviate chronic unemployment and underemployment among migrant and seasonally employed farmworkers. Services include skills assessment, job-search assistance, career planning, and emergency assistance. More intensive services such as basic education and job training also help individuals acquire skills to obtain employment outside of farmwork or better agricultural jobs. Additional services for at-risk and out-of-school youth between the ages of 14 and 21 are offered.

Grant/Award Amount: \$76.8 million for Program Year 2001.

Related Categories:

Education, Human Services and Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of National Programs
Division of Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Programs
Employment and Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-693-3840
Web site: www.wdsc.org/msfw/

Planning Program for Economic Development Districts and Indian Tribes

Program Description/Activities: Grants under this program support the formulation and implementation of economic development programs designed to create or retain full-time permanent jobs for unemployed and underemployed persons in economically distressed areas.

Planning grants fund administrative expenses to establish and implement effective economic development programs at local and multijurisdictional levels. Eligible activities under this program include the preparation and continuation of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and planning, implementation, and technical assistance services to communities and local governments within the organization's jurisdiction.

Related Categories:

Economic Development, Technical Assistance, Welfare to Work

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Planning Division
U.S. Department of Commerce
Phone: 202-482-3027
Web site: www.doc.gov

Senior Community Service Employment Program, Older Americans Act of 1965, Title V

Program Description/Activities: This program provides and promotes part-time work opportunities (usually 20 hours per week) in community service activities for unemployed low-income persons age 55 and older. Assignments can be for up to 1,300 hours per year and pay at least minimum wage. Job training, classroom training, counseling, and placement in unsubsidized jobs also are offered. Participants can use their experience as a bridge to other employment.

Grant/Award Amount: \$440 million for Program Year 2001.

Related Category:

Education

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of National Programs
Division of Older Worker Programs
Employment and Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-693-3840
Web site: www.wdsc.org/owprog

Trade Adjustment Assistance and NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance Programs, Trade Act of 1974, Title II, and North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Adult Services
Employment and Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-693-3560
Web site: www.wdsc.org/layoff/trade.htm

Program Description/Activities: Workers who feel they have been adversely affected by increased imports in general or those who believe they have been affected directly or indirectly by increased imports from, or shifts in production to, Mexico or Canada may petition the U.S. Department of Labor to see if they are eligible for assistance under the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program and/or the NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-TAA) programs. Petitions also may be filed by employers, unions, community-based organizations, or others that represent a group of workers. Workers may petition, and be certified, under both trade programs.

Grant/Award Amount: \$406.6 million for FY 2001.

Veterans' Workforce Investment Program, Workforce Investment Act, Section 168

Related Category:

Equal Opportunity

Program/Agency Contact:

Veterans Employment and Training Service
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-693-4713
Web site: www.dol.gov/dol/vets/

Program Description/Activities: Competitive grants are awarded to entities designated by State governors. Discretionary grants for innovative programs are awarded by the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training to employment and training programs for veterans with service-connected disabilities, veterans with significant barriers to employment, recently separated veterans, and veterans who served on active duty during a war or campaign for which a badge or service ribbon has been authorized.

Youth Opportunity Grant Program, Workforce Investment Act Title I, Part B, Section 169

Related Categories:

Education, Human Services and
Family Support

Program/Agency Contact:

Office of Youth Services
Employment and Training Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
Phone: 202-693-3528
Web site: www.yomovement.org

Program Description/Activities: Youth Opportunity Grants (YOGs) are awarded to organizations in impoverished areas to establish broad partnerships as well as Youth Opportunity Community Centers. Through the centers, young people between the ages of 14 and 21 living in Empowerment Zones, Enterprise Communities, and other impoverished urban and rural areas can gain access to a wide range of employment, training, educational, and supportive services. Projects are locally designed and intended to prepare and place youth in long-term private-sector jobs. They also aim to keep young people in school, provide work experience in community-service projects, and increase their enrollment in college.

Grant/Award Amount: \$275 million for Program Year 2001. The first grants of up to \$11 million each were awarded in spring 2000.

**FY 2001
LEGISLATION TO
ASSIST DISTRESSED
COMMUNITIES**

Most Americans are enjoying the benefits of the Nation's strong economy. Conditions in many underserved communities have improved; however, more is needed to assist those urban and rural areas that remain disconnected from the benefits and opportunities that others enjoy. Working with the private sector and State and local governments, President Bush continues to work to strengthen underserved communities. Recent legislation includes new initiatives, expands valuable programs, creates 40 Renewal Communities (RCs) and 9 additional Empowerment Zones (EZs), and increases opportunities for homeownership.

The legislation includes the following:

21st Century Community Learning Centers. Congress approved more than \$845 million for 21st Century Community Learning Centers. This program will award grants to rural and inner-city public schools, or consortia of such schools, to enable them to plan, implement, or expand projects that benefit the educational, health, social services, cultural, and recreational needs of the community. School-based learning centers can provide safe, drug-free, supervised, and cost-effective afterschool, weekend, or summer havens for children, youth, and their families.

Delta Regional Authority. The Delta Regional Authority was established by Congress to help develop the transportation and physical infrastructure, create jobs, expand business opportunities, and develop entrepreneurial local economies within the lower Mississippi River region. This authority will consist of a presidential appointee and the Governor (or designee) of each State in the region that elects to participate. The authority will promote a concerted and coordinated effort among Federal, State, and local agencies; the private sector; and non-profit groups to provide development in this region.

EZ Round III and more money for Round II EZs. Congress approved additional funding for Round II urban EZs, increasing the previously approved amount to a total of approximately \$185 million, or \$12.3 million for each EZ for FY 2001. In addition, Congress approved Round III legislation to designate nine new EZs—seven in urban areas and two in rural areas. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will designate the seven new EZs in 2001. The legislation also provided for the extension of EZ treatment for all Round I and II EZs through December 31, 2009.

Head Start. Head Start has a long tradition of delivering comprehensive and high-quality services designed to foster healthy development in low-income children. Head Start grantee and delegate agencies provide a range of individualized services in the areas of education and early childhood development; medical, dental, and mental health; nutrition; and parent involvement. In addition, the entire range of Head Start services is responsive and appropriate to each child's and family's developmental, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic heritage and experience. Congress has approved \$6.2 billion for the Head Start program.

Increases in EZ bonding. Congress passed higher limits on tax-exempt EZ facility bonds. Local governments can issue these bonds (as a type of tax-exempt facility bond) to make loans at lower interest rates to Enterprise Zone Businesses to finance Qualified Zone Properties. The legislation also provides for nonrecognition of gain on rollover of EZ investments and increased exclusion of gain on the sale of EZ stock.

New Markets Tax Credits. Congress also approved a New Markets Tax credit to taxpayers who invest in community-development entities that make qualified low-income community investments. This tax credit is expected to spur the investment of \$15 billion in new private capital into a range of privately managed investment vehicles that make loans and equity investments in New Markets businesses. By making an equity investment in an eligible community development entity (CDE), individual and corporate investors can receive a New Markets Tax Credit worth more than 30 percent of the amount invested over the life of the credit, in present value terms. Eligible CDEs could include for-profit community development financial institutions, for-profit subsidiaries of community development corporations, U.S. Small Business Administration- (SBA-) licensed New Markets Venture Capital companies, and specialized small business investment companies.

New Markets Venture Capital Program. The New Markets Venture Capital Program Act of 2000 promotes economic development and creates wealth and job opportunities in low-income geographic areas and among individuals living in such areas by encouraging developmental venture capital investments in smaller enterprises primarily located in such areas. As part of this program, SBA may guarantee debentures of New Markets Venture Capital companies to enable such companies to make developmental venture capital investments in smaller enterprises in low-income

geographic areas. Also, SBA may make grants to New Markets Venture Capital companies, and to other entities, for the purposes of providing operational entities and providing operational assistance to smaller enterprises financed, or expected to be financed, by such companies.

Renewal Communities. Congress authorized the designation of 40 RCs—28 in urban areas and 12 in rural areas. With respect to the first 20 designations, preference will be given to those nominated areas already designated EZs or ECs. Urban RCs will be areas that experience pervasive poverty, unemployment, and general distress. Actions to address the problems within these communities may involve reducing tax rates or fees within the communities, increasing the level of efficiency of local services, and involving private entities and community groups in providing jobs and training to residents and businesses. The designations will be in effect from January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2009.

APPENDICES

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- Appendix D: Available Publications

Appendix A: State Data Centers

State Data Centers (SDCs) offer technical assistance, census data, and maps. Data centers usually are housed in State government agencies, universities, or libraries and head up a network of affiliate centers. The Business and Industry Data Center (BIDC) Program expands SDC services to serve businesses directly. Below is a list of the SDC and BIDC lead agency contacts. Asterisks identify States that also have BIDCs. In some States, one agency serves as the lead for both the SDC and the BIDC; the BIDC is listed separately where there is a separate agency serving as the lead. On the World Wide Web, SDCs can be found at www.census.gov/sdc/www/.

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Appendix B: Agency Web Sites

Agency Name and Address	Web Site
U.S. Department of Agriculture 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW. Washington, DC 20250	www.usda.gov
Appalachian Regional Commission 1666 Connecticut Avenue NW. Washington, DC 20235	www.arc.gov
U.S. Census Bureau 4700 Silver Hill Road, FB-3 Suitland, MD 20746	www.census.gov
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 1600 Clifton Road NE. Atlanta, GA 30333	www.cdc.gov
U.S. Department of Commerce 1401 Constitution Avenue NW. Washington, DC 20230-0002	www.doc.gov <i>or</i> www.commerce.gov
The Corporation for National Service 1201 New York Avenue NW. Washington, DC 20525	www.nationalservice.org <i>or</i> www.cns.gov
U.S. Department of Defense OASD(PA)/DPC 1400 Defense Pentagon Room 1E 757 Washington, DC 20301-1400	www.defenselink.mil
U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue SW. Washington, DC 20202	www.ed.gov
U.S. Department of Energy Forrestal 1000 Independence Avenue SW. Washington, DC 20585	home.doe.gov <i>or</i> www.energy.gov
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW. Washington, DC 20460	www.epa.gov
U.S. General Services Administration 1800 F Street NW. Washington, DC 20405	www.gsa.gov

Agency Name and Address	Web Site
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue SW. Washington, DC 20201	www.dhhs.gov
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 Seventh Street SW. Washington, DC 20410	www.hud.gov
U.S. Department of the Interior 1849 C Street NW. Washington, DC 20240	www.doi.gov
U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW. Washington, DC 20530	www.usdoj.gov
U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Avenue NW. Washington, DC 20210	www.dol.gov
Maritime Administration U.S. Department of Transportation 400 Seventh Street SW. Washington, DC 20590	www.marad.dot.gov
Office of National Drug Control Policy 750 17th Street NW. Washington, DC 20503	www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov
National Park Service 1849 C Street NW. Washington, DC 20240	www.nps.gov
U.S. Small Business Administration 409 Third Street SW. Washington, DC 20416	www.sba.gov
U.S. Department of Transportation 400 Seventh Street SW. Washington, DC 20590	www.dot.gov
U.S. Department of the Treasury 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW. Washington, DC 20220	www.treas.gov
White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW. Washington, DC 20500	www.whitehouse.gov

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Community Connections

(A HUD Resource Center)

For information on programs to help build communities:
Community Connections
P.O. Box 7189
Gaithersburg, MD 20898-7189
Phone: 1-800-998-9999
E-mail: comcon@aspensys.com
Web site: www.comcon.org/

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Web site: www.rurdev.usda.gov/ocd

Rural Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities

Web site: www.ezec.gov

Appendix D: Available Publications

AVAILABLE PUBLICATIONS FOR URBAN AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

Federal Programs Guide: Provides a list of Federal Government programs available to distressed communities. Applicants can use this *Guide* to identify current or prospective Federal Government programs that can be used to help revitalize their neighborhoods.

Internal Revenue Service Publication 954, "Tax Incentives for Empowerment Zones and Other Distressed Communities," revised May 2001.

Performance Measurement System Guide: Provides communities with a "how to" approach to establishing and implementing a performance measurement system. Performance measurement systems provide an organized process for gathering information to track how well programs and projects are meeting their goals, then using that information to improve performance and report to interested stakeholders.

Tax Incentive Guide for Businesses in the Renewal Communities, Empowerment Zones, and Enterprise Communities: Business is key to the EZ/EC Initiative. This practical *Guide* is designed to provide information to businesses on the advantages and benefits of locating and expanding in EZs, ECs, and RCs.

Fix Our Schools Now! Qualified Zone Academy Bonds: A New Approach to Financing School Renovation and Repair. For a free copy, send your e-mail request to edpubs@inet.ed.gov

To request publications for urban communities, please call 1-800-998-9999.

AVAILABLE PUBLICATIONS FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

A Guide to Implementation and Benchmarking: Helps rural communities turn their Strategic Plans into specific work programs and create performance measures to evaluate their own progress.

A Guide to Strategic Planning for Rural Communities: Leads communities through the process of establishing a vision, evaluating problems and opportunities, assessing their strengths and weaknesses, and setting goals and strategies.

To request publications for rural communities, please call 1-800-851-3403.

OTHER RESOURCES

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: This *Catalog* is a governmentwide compendium of Federal programs, projects, services, and activities that provide assistance or benefits to the American public. The Web site to request this *Catalog* is www.cfda.gov.

Web sites for the EZ/EC Initiative in rural and urban areas: These Web sites provide valuable information on the united efforts of Federal agencies to develop these distressed rural and urban communities. The sites are valuable also to businesses that want to use the EZ/EC Address Locator and that want to know about tax benefits available in these communities. The site for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's rural EZ/EC Initiative is www.ezec.gov and the site for HUD's urban EZ/EC Initiative is www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/ezec.

